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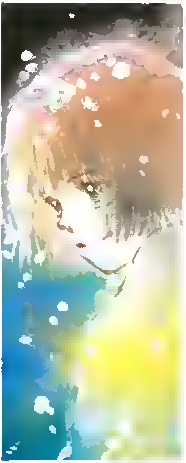

Baby Blue

いくえみ綾の傑作コミックス

初恋ゴールの向こうがわ
女の子ラブソディー
ボクとあそぼうか！
スターダスト３年め
街と人のロマンス
夢をみた。
以心伝心のお月さん　全2巻
エンゲージ　全2巻
うたうたいのテーマ　全2巻
わたしは夢みる少女　全2巻
君たちはガラス　全2巻
天然バナナ工場
ＰＯＰＳ　全4巻
彼の手も声も　全4巻
ベイビーブルー
みつめていたい ①

MARGARET COMICS

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いくえみ綾

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♥入学式以来一度も学校に来ない奴が、ある日学校に現われた…。そして始まる夏物語。（『10年も20年も』）

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WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
MOM!
I TRIED TO GET THE STAIN OUT, BUT IT DIDN'T DO IT ANY GOOD
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT LEFT YOUR HALF-FULL CAN OF ICE COFFEE LYING AROUND
DON'T BLAME ME
Umetaro

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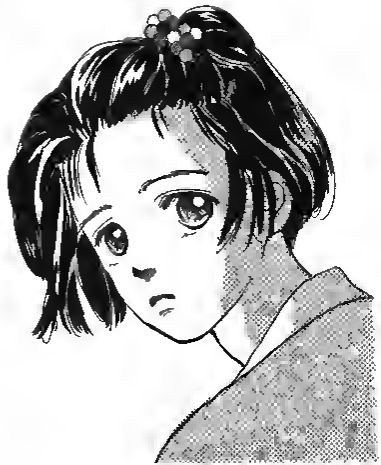
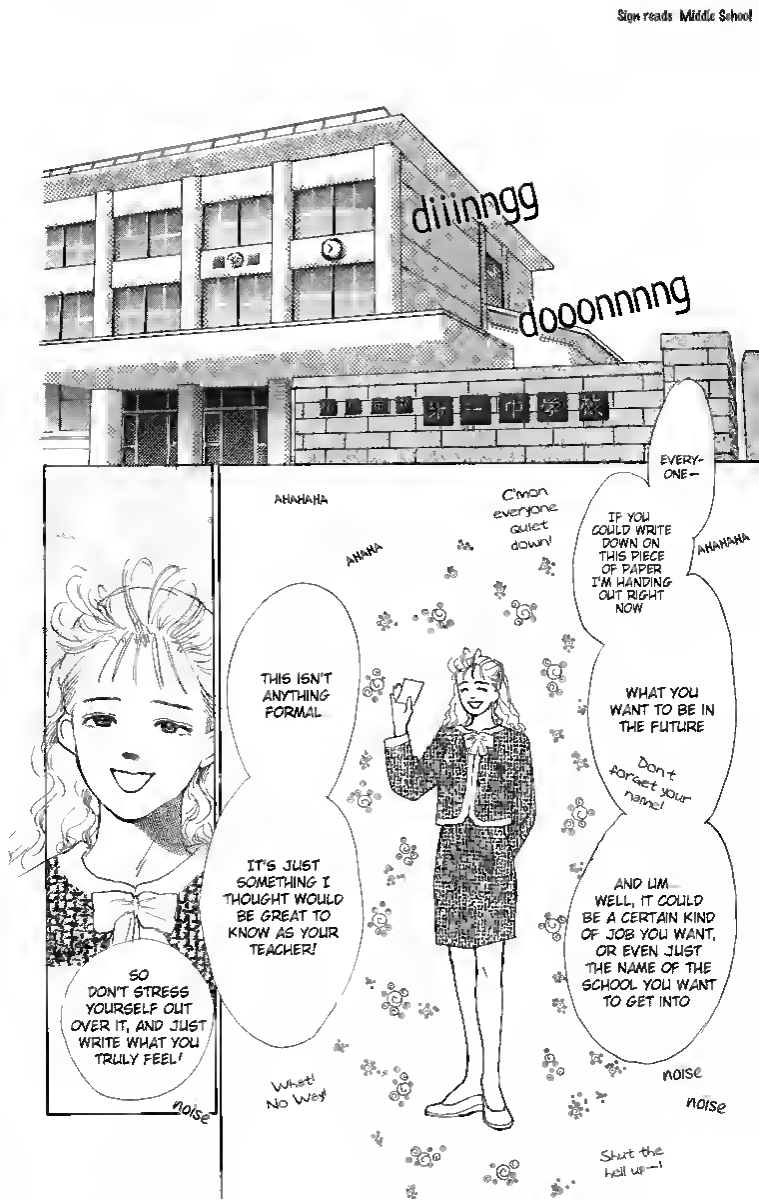
いくえみ綾

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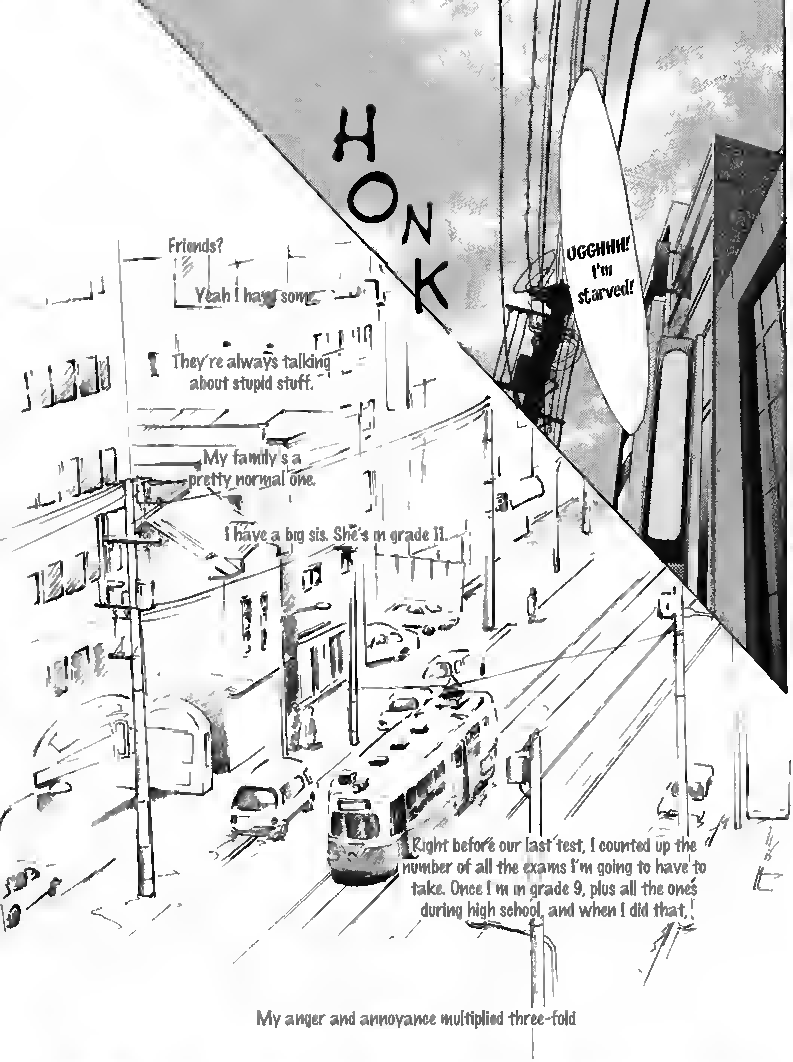
dooonnnng
AHAHAHA
AHAHA
C'mon everyone quiet down!
EVERY-ONE—
IF YOU COULD WRITE DOWN ON THIS PIECE OF PAPER I'M HANDING OUT RIGHT NOW
AHAHAHA
THIS ISN'T ANYTHING FORMAL
WHAT YOU WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE
Don't forget your name!
IT'S JUST SOMETHING I THOUGHT WOULD BE GREAT TO KNOW AS YOUR TEACHER!
AND UM— WELL, IT COULD BE A CERTAIN KIND OF JOB YOU WANT, OR EVEN JUST THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL YOU WANT TO GET INTO
SO DON'T STRESS YOURSELF OUT OVER IT, AND JUST WRITE WHAT YOU TRULY FEEL!
noise
What! No Way!
noise
noise
Shut the hell up—!

This chick's got her head in the clouds or what?
—Ugh.
I'm sick of listening to Asher say this crap!
ahahaha
noise
EVEN IF IT'S JUST A DREAM, FEEL FREE TO WRITE IT DOWN...
noise
2-5 Sudou
ahahaha
WHAT'D YOU WRITE DOWN?
HARUMI!
If you could hand it in by lunch, that'd be great—
noise
noise
NOTHING YET
NOTHING'S GOING TO COME OUT OF IT— OTHER THAN HER BEING HAPPY ABOUT ALL THE DREAMS WE HAVE AND STUFF.
JUST WRITE DOWN WHATEVER!
AHAHAHA

This summer, it's been decided that I have to attend supplemental lessons.
Ugh.. Talk about lame! I even have to go when it's snowing!
Not only that, but my mum ruined my precious doggy—
Without it I can't sleep!
And on top of that, my teacher's one of those annoyingly chipper people.
Ughhh her voice grates my nerves!
I hate young female teachers!
ahahaha
I spend my days not even sure what it is that
I hate so much about my life.
Okay, okay!
CLATTER
hehehe
Aha
CLATTER
THUD
Shiro—
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
And he's not helping the case here.
Wh-oops!
YO HARUMI~
LOOKING UGLY AS ALWAYS, I SEE

...YOU'RE HONESTLY ASKING FOR SOME MONEY FROM A PERSON YOU JUST CALLED UGLY AND A PIG?
I didn't call you a pig.
C'MON, GIMME SOME! I WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY LUNCH OTHERWISE,
OKAY?
LEND ME SOME CHANGE, WILL YA?
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT.
.....
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH! ♡
THAT'S WHY
YOU'VE GOT THE HEART OF GOLD—
OH!
Damn't Why is he always.
What kinda idiot nurse is that?

.....
.....
IT'S DUE BY TOMORROW MORNING!
Okay!
MAKE SURE TO PAY ME BACK!
All right!!!
Hey
Haruhi look—
Look—
Ahahaha
He like—
Ahahaha
Damnit
That you don't mean!
Stuff like that
Don't say
Mo—ron!


HONK
OGGHHH! I'm starved!
Friends?
Yeah I have some.
They're always talking about stupid stuff.
My family's a pretty normal one.
I have a big sis. She's in grade 11.
Right before our last test, I counted up the number of all the exams I'm going to have to take. Once I'm in grade 9, plus all the ones during high school, and when I did that,
My anger and annoyance multiplied three-fold

So what does this make me? Just some lazy ass?!
Hahaha. I'm So lame.
I'm so stupid—
...NO IT WON'T...
HEY LOOK!
THEY'RE STILL SELLING T-SHIRTS HERE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR!
honk honk
NO WAY! IT'S 280 YEN! AND 4 FOR 1000 YEN!
IT'LL PROBABLY GET HOLES REAL QUICK
honk honk
SEE THIS SHIRT HERE?
I'VE BEEN CLEANING IT REGULARLY FOR THE PAST YEAR.
BUT IT STILL LOOKS BRAND NEW!
See?
I'LL BUY ONE
I'LL RING YOU UP!
YOU THERE.
FEEL FREE TO C'MON IN AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND TOO.
RUSTLE RUSTLE

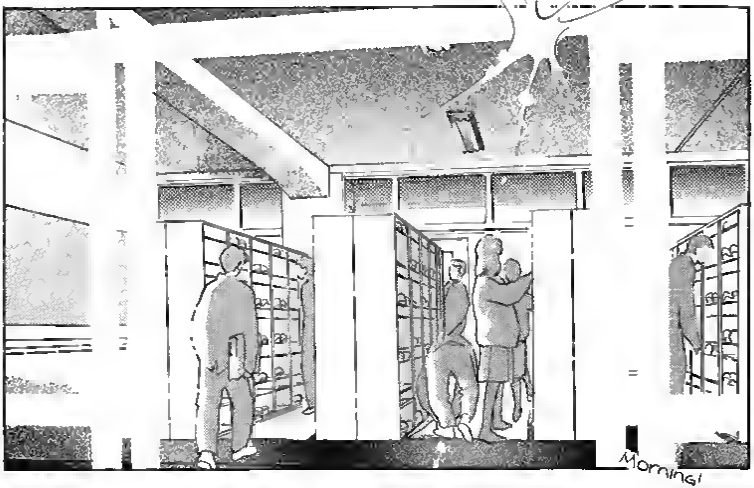
vroom!!
honk
honk
YOU MIGHT FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING—
REALLY?
honk
1500
VIDEO
CAN I FIND SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WHERE

The 500 yen I lent to Shiro was my life savings for that month

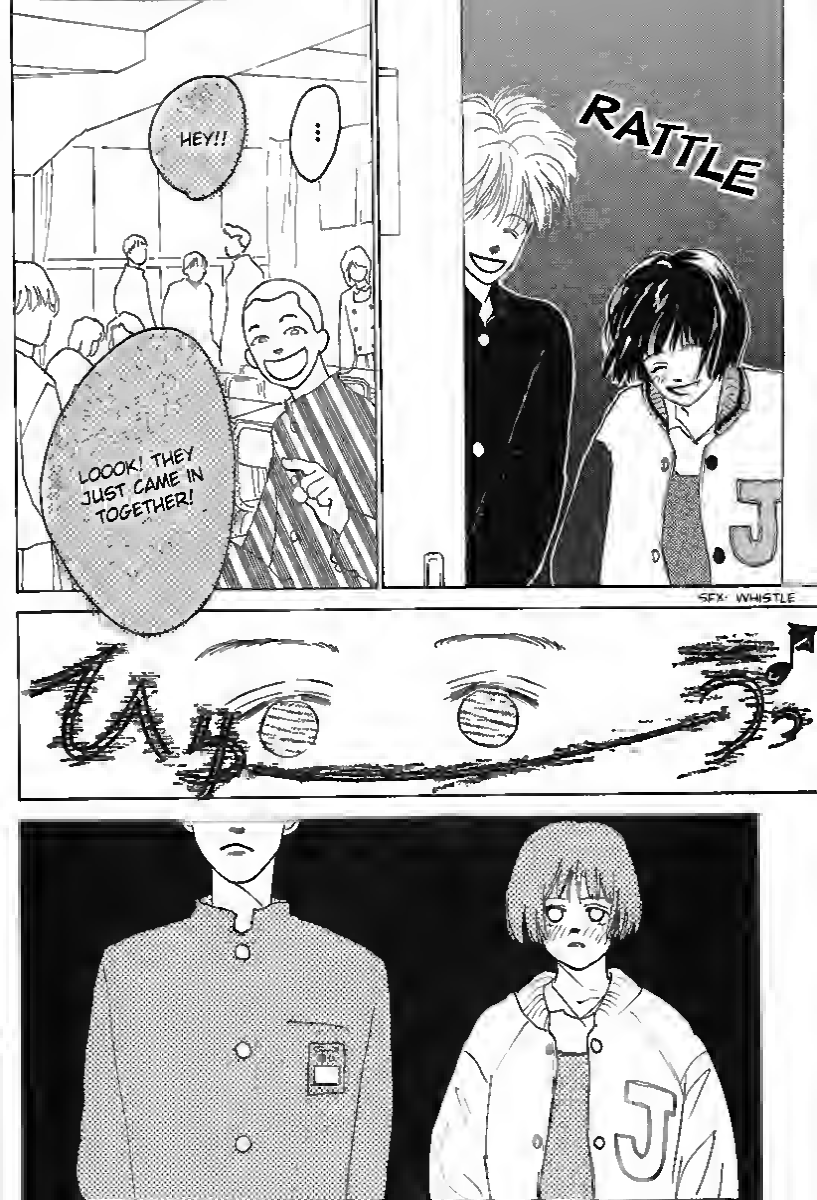
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA SNOW SOON TOO!
IT'S FREEZING OUT!
NOT YET.
'CAUSE IT DOESN'T SMELL LIKE IT YET.
inhale— exhale—
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
See ya!
Bye
WHAT ARE YOU AN ANIMAL?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN PREDICT EARTH-QUAKES TOO?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT—?
MAYBE JUST A LITTLE.
.....
Bye
Bye
You crack me up
You're a riot

OH, HARUMI!
GREAT TIMING!
COULD YOU GO AND BUY SOME ALCOHOL FOR ME? PLEAASE~
click
It's true though
WHAT! WHERE'S SIS?
HER BOYFRIEND'S HERE RIGHT NOW
Here's the money
GET THE CHEAP ONE THE COOKING ALCOHOL ONE, ALL RIGHT?
SLAM
Stupid hand!
Hey—
Turn the music down will you?
ahahaha
be/by

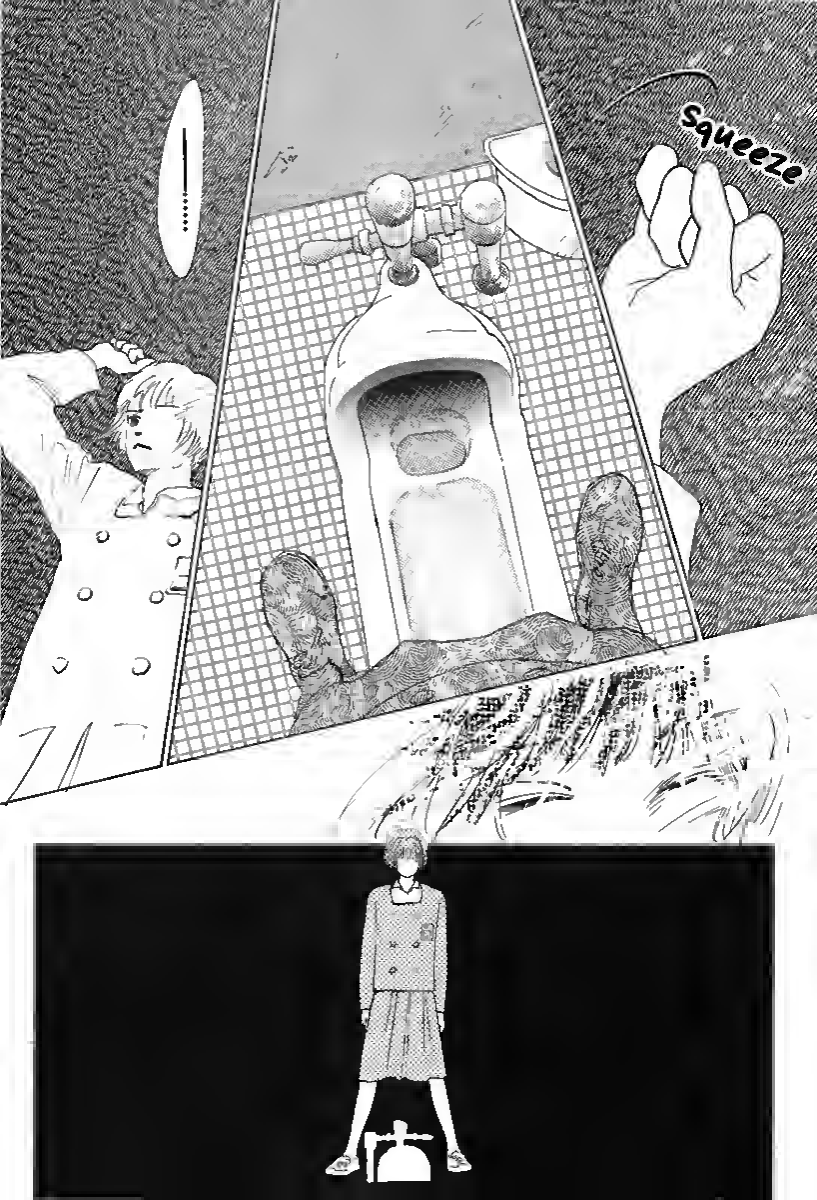
SWISH


Morning!
Morning!
Kya Kya

CLINK
HOLD ON A SEC.
rustle rustle
HERE
Hold out your hand
I MEAN, THAT'S "INTEREST"
INTER-HIGH—
YAY! A CARAMEL!
I'm the world-famous volleyball setter!
ahahaha
IT'S STILL GOOD EVEN IF YOU HAVE IT BEFORE PRACTICE
NOTHING BEATS HAVING ONE AFTER CLUB PRACTICE!
That's so lame!
WHAT CLUB ARE YOU IN ANYWAY?


HEY!!
...
LOOOK! THEY JUST CAME IN TOGETHER!
RATTLE
SFX: WHISTLE

Shiro-kun!
giggle
giggle
SLAM
UGH.
TALK ABOUT LAME
ah ha ha ha
giggle giggle
ah ha ha ha
giggle
giggle


……
Squeeze

I'm
Not going to talk to him anymore
Ever.
Ever!

Sign reads Staff Room
SUDO-SAN!
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW I ASKED EVERYONE TO WRITE DOWN THEIR ASPIRATIONS ON PAPER THE OTHER DAY?
YOURS IS THE ONLY ONE I DIDN'T GET.
YOU...
Akahako
HAVEN'T GIVEN ME YOURS YET.
RIGHT?
I...
LOST THE PAPER
IT WAS ONLY FOR MY PERSONAL INTEREST ANYHOW...
SO,
SENSE!
WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT
...OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

ARE YOU GONNA MAKE IT HAPPEN?
IF I WRITE SOMETHING DOWN,
This is all so stupid—
THUD!
We could have just settled it without resorting to—
..She can just go and live in her dream world school-drama
Why did you—
That's terrible! how could you—
Y-YOSHIDA-SENSE!!
FOLLOW THE SCHOOL RULES BEFORE YOU GO OFF COMPLAINING!
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT SHIRT OF YOURS!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

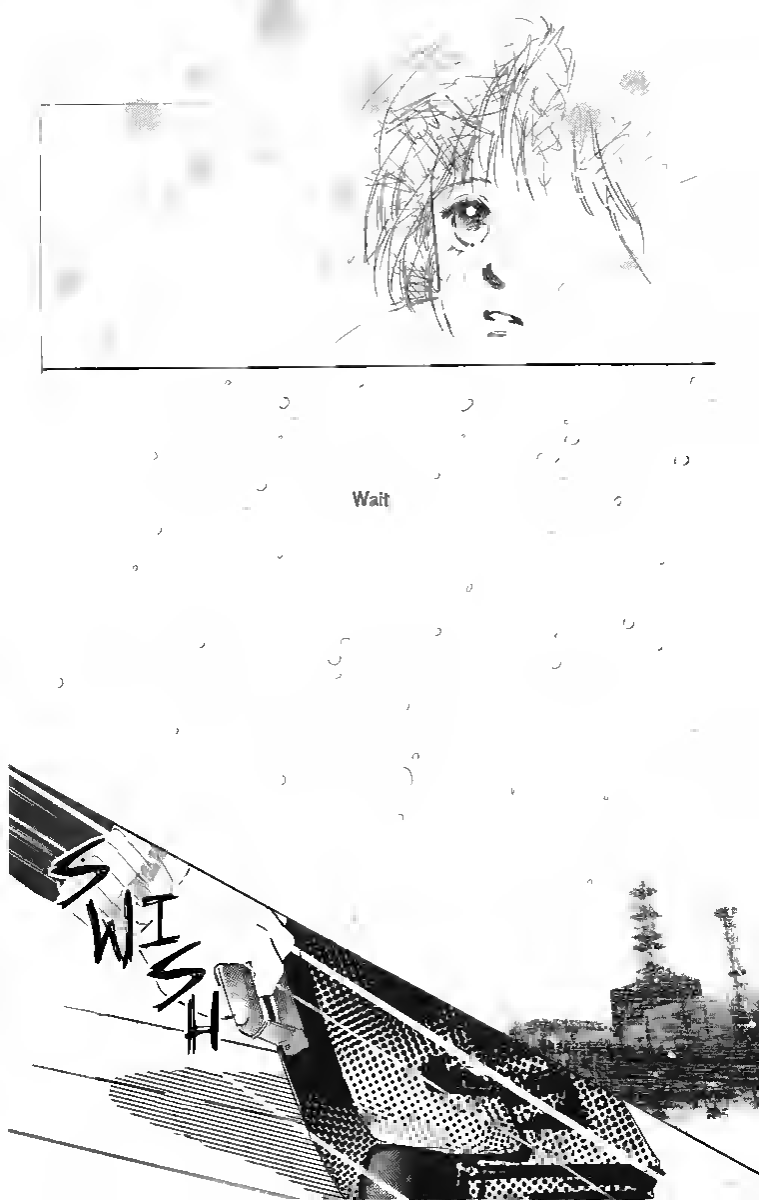
...As much as she dawn well wants.

FLINCH!
WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
DID YOU FIND

IT SMELLS LIKE SNOW'S HEADING THIS WAY HUH?
kaww kaww

OLD DUDES LIKE YOU
SHOULD JUST SHUT UP AND GO OUT SELLING YOUR CHEAPO T-SHIRTS OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU SELL.
HA HA HA HA
Well see ya
Byee~
Come by again sometime!
.....

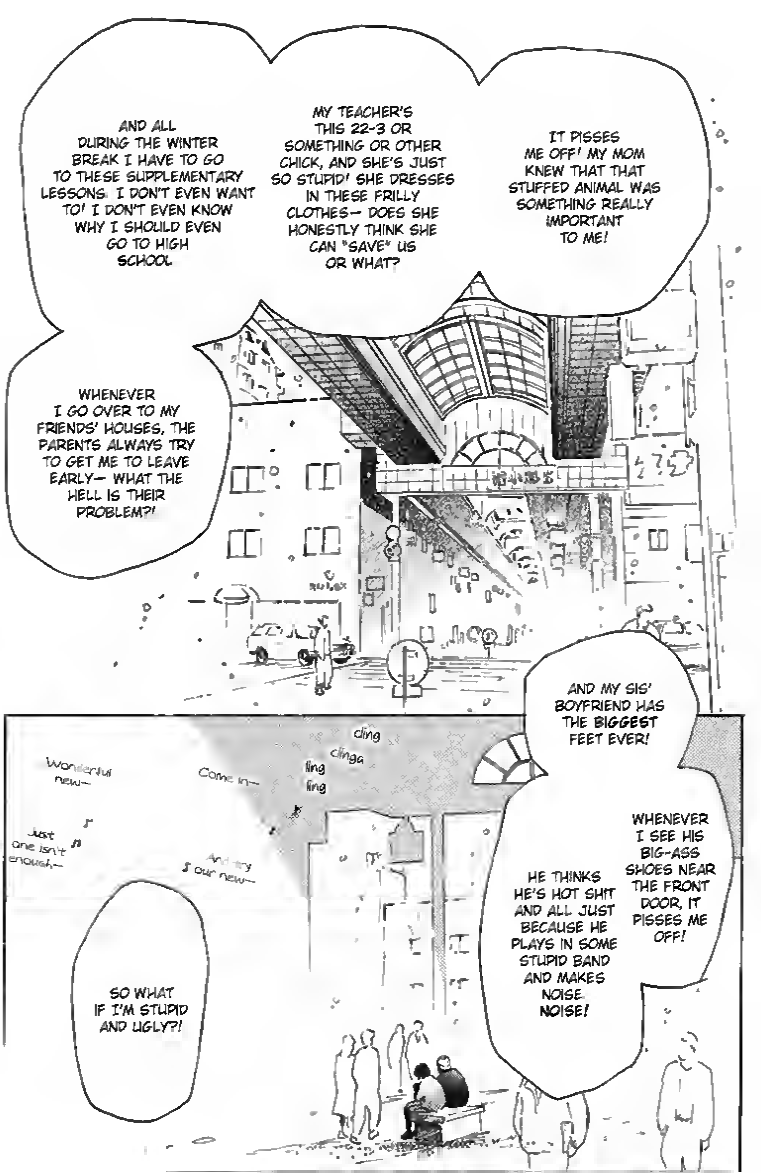
...Wait.


Wait
SWISH

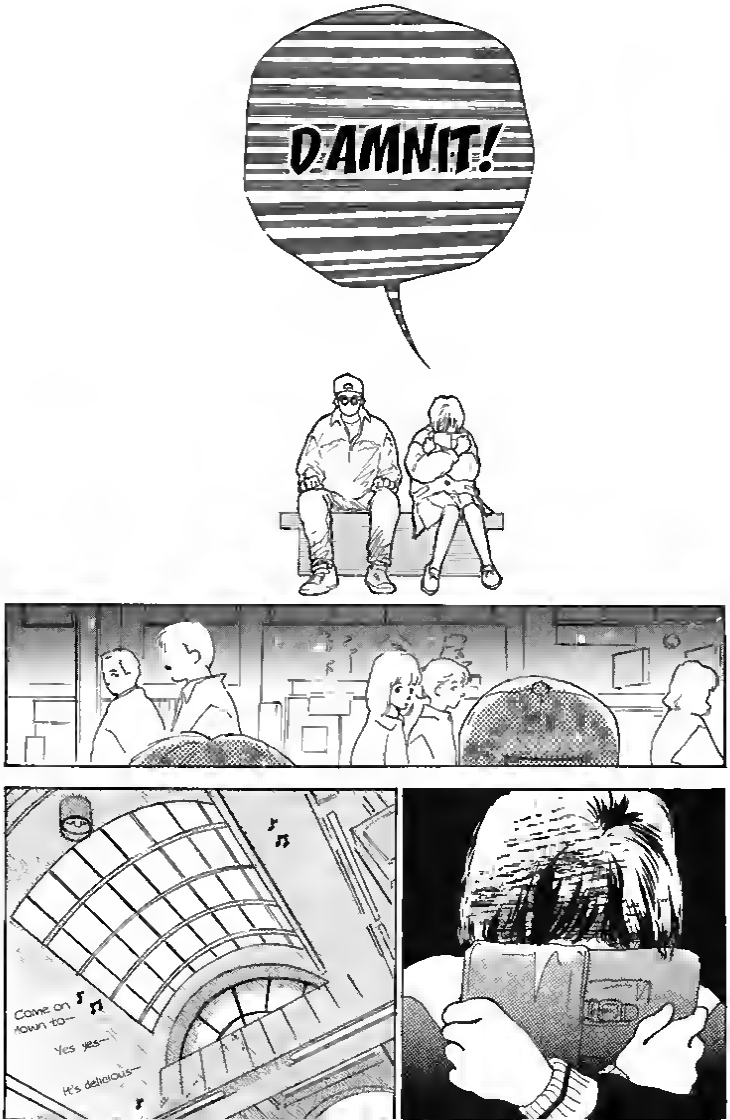
pit pat pit pat pit pat pit pat pit pat pit pat
Wait for me.
pit pat pit
honk honk!
vroom—
honk honk

SUDO—SUDO!
HEY, DIDYA HEAR THAT? IT'S SUDO!
HEY, ISN'T THAT SUDO?
wa ha ha ha he
Lame-o!
HEY! SHE TURNED A CORNER!
SHE WENT RUNNING AT TOP SPEED!
Wait
Wheeze
Wheeze
Wheeze
Wait!

Just get one and you'll—
One is all you need—
For students, nothing beats the—
WHEEZE
clink clink
THUD
.....
DID YOU CALL FOR ME?


AND ALL DURING THE WINTER BREAK I HAVE TO GO TO THESE SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I SHOULD EVEN GO TO HIGH SCHOOL
MY TEACHER'S THIS 22-3 OR SOMETHING OR OTHER CHICK, AND SHE'S JUST SO STUPID! SHE DRESSES IN THESE FRILLY CLOTHES— DOES SHE HONESTLY THINK SHE CAN "SAVE" US OR WHAT?
IT PISSES ME OFF! MY MOM KNEW THAT THAT STUFFED ANIMAL WAS SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME!
WHENEVER I GO OVER TO MY FRIENDS' HOUSES, THE PARENTS ALWAYS TRY TO GET ME TO LEAVE EARLY— WHAT THE HELL IS THEIR PROBLEM?!
AND MY SIS' BOYFRIEND HAS THE BIGGEST FEET EVER!
WHENEVER I SEE HIS BIG-ASS SHOES NEAR THE FRONT DOOR, IT PISSES ME OFF!
HE THINKS HE'S HOT SHIT AND ALL JUST BECAUSE HE PLAYS IN SOME STUPID BAND AND MAKES NOISE. NOISE!
SO WHAT IF I'M STUPID AND UGLY?!
cling
clinga
ling
ling
Wonderful new—
Come in—
Just one isn't enough—
And my $ our new—

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
THAT'S NO REASON TO EMBARRASS ME IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!
EVERYONE ALWAYS TRIES TO PUT EVERYONE AND ANYONE TOGETHER. IT'S SO STUPID! WHAT ARE WE, KIDS?!
WELL, YEA WE ARE BUT...
SHE HAS NO RIGHT TO MEDDLE IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO BE YET.
SO WHAT? IF I WROTE DOWN THAT I WANTED TO BE A "HOUSEWIFE" OR A "DAYCARE WORKER", WOULD THAT MAKE HER HAPPY?
EVEN IF I'M WEARING AN OPEN-NECKED SHIRT, OR MY SOCKS ARE TWO DIFFERENT COLORS,
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M ASKING TO GET HIT BY SOMEONE!


DAMN IT!
Come on down to—
Yes yes—
It's delicious—

BUT TO BE REALLY HONEST...
UUH...
...ARE YOU DONE?
WHAT PISSES ME OFF THE MOST IS THAT I ONLY HAVE THE BRAINS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT IT
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO EASE MY FRUSTRATIONS.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
I'M TRYING TO BLAME OTHERS FOR MY STUPIDITY.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT RIGHT NOW...

LET'S GO
THIS WAY
LET'S GO THEN.
WHERE'S YOUR HOME?
STANDS UP
VROOM

OLD DUDE
I CAN GET HOME BY MYSELF FINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
SEE YA
waves

Wait for me.

AK CHOO!
That's disgusting!
COVER YOUR MOUTH! EW!
UGH! THERE'S SPIT ALL OVER THIS NOW!
IT'S ALL OVER THE CHOCO-LATES!
NOOOOO!
S-SORRY
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND EAT IT ALL! EVERY LAST BITE, YOU HEAR ME?!
HOW LONG WERE YOU SIT-TING OUT THERE FOR ANYWAY?
WELL
YOU'RE SO STUPID!
I'm going to eat the ones that haven't got your spit all over it.
HARUMI, YOU KNOW,
YOU HAVE THIS WEIRD HABIT,
OF JUST WRAPPING YOURSELF UP IN YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD SOMETIMES, DON'T YOU?

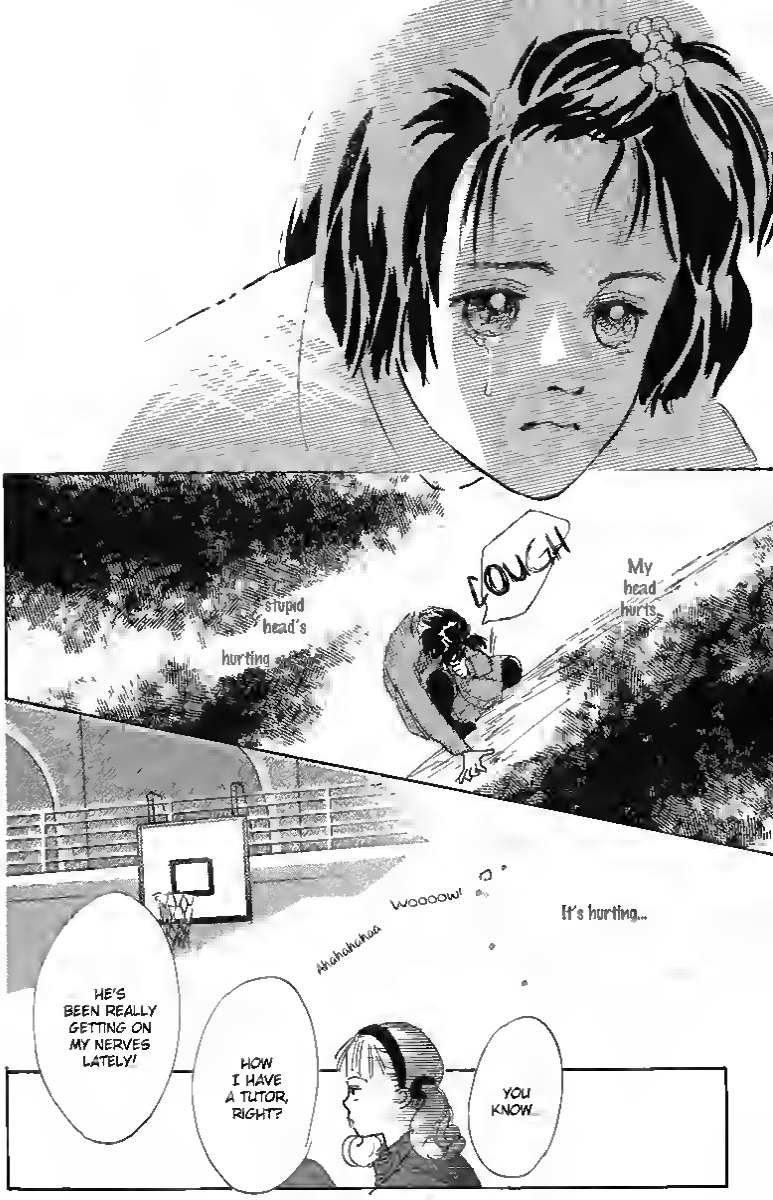
WHAT KIND OF STUFF ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT WHEN YOU ARE, ANYWAY?
REALLY NOTHING ...
!
UGHH! THOSE BANGS ANNOY ME! YOU SHOULD GET IT CUT!
HEY.
SUDO.

FLINCH
...
Ms Pom-Pom...
D–
DON'T IGNORE ME
Mo-ron.
'Cause you called me "Sudo", I didn't know who it was for a sec
Hey!
!
HEY!
I called you ugly!
...This is exactly why

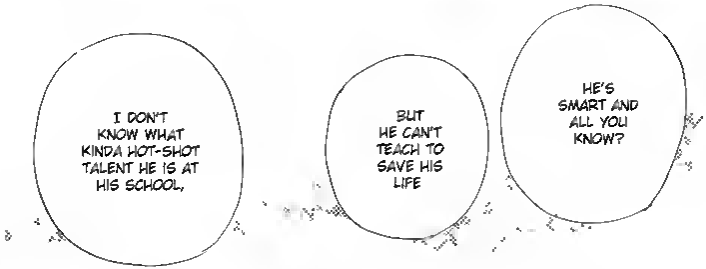
SMACK
Don't you...
Have anything better to say than that?!

.....
PLONK

To throw this away
go to the wash-room
I better

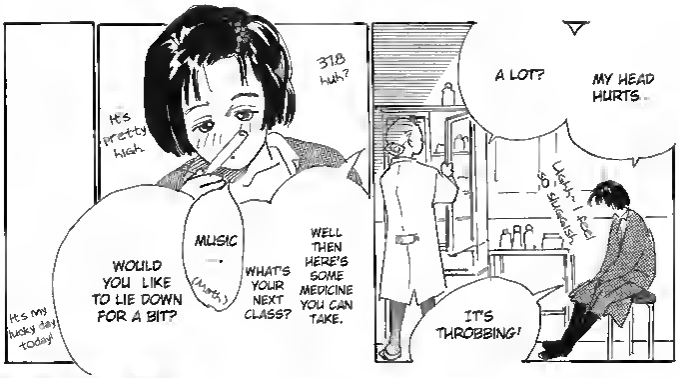

stupid head's hurting
COUGH
My head hurts
Ahahahaha
Woooow!
It's hurting...
HE'S BEEN REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES LATELY!
HOW I HAVE A TUTOR, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW...

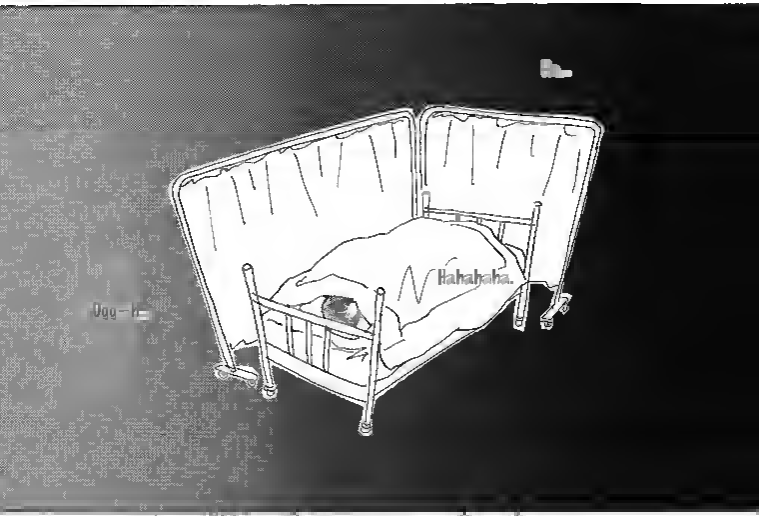
LIKE HOW?
L—
WELL
LIKE
bounce
bounce


I DON'T KNOW WHAT KINDA HOT-SHOT TALENT HE IS AT HIS SCHOOL,
BUT HE CAN'T TEACH TO SAVE HIS LIFE
HE'S SMART AND ALL YOU KNOW?

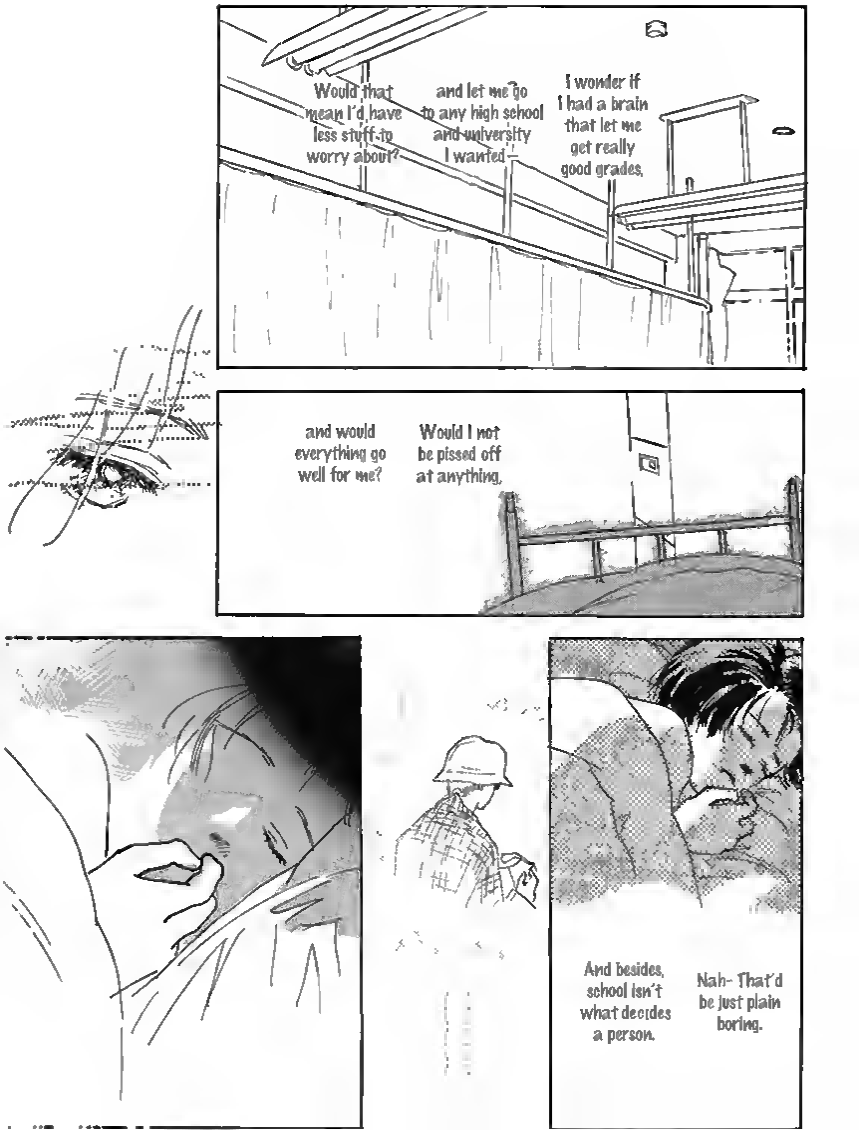
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO HAVE A TUTOR IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND HIM DOING THAT JUST FLUSHES DOWN THE TOILET ANY WILLPOWER I HAD TO DO THE WORK!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT HE DOES? HE SIGHS! HE SIGHS IN FRUSTRATION!
BUT I'M TRYING MY BEST TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING,
giggle
AHAHA
EVEN IF IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BIG DEAL TO YOU—
IT'S NOT FUNNY, YOU KNOW!
ahaha
No way!
That's scary!

IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM FOR ME
cough cough hack
ahaha
cough cough cough
HEY, HEY
HACK COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
What's her problem?
HACK
COUGH
Nurse's Room
YOU DO SEEM TO HAVE A FEVER
And your face looks a bit flushed.
OH MY.
WHAT'RE YOU
CHOKING ON YOUR OWN LAUGHTER FOR?
Cough
cough cough
ahahaha


It's my lucky day today!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIE DOWN FOR A BIT?
MUSIC
(Hmm)
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT CLASS?
WELL THEN HERE'S SOME MEDICINE YOU CAN TAKE.
It's pretty high.
318
huh?
A LOT?
MY HEAD HURTS..
Ugh, I feel so sluggish.
IT'S THROBBING!


Hahahaha.

Why? Because Umetaro isn't with me.
I can't sleep.
I just can't
Mmm...
might just be wracking my head over something that has no answer.
L.


Would that mean I'd have less stuff to worry about?
and let me go to any high school and university I wanted—
I wonder if I had a brain that let me get really good grades,
and would everything go well for me?
Would I not be pissed off at anything,
And besides, school isn't what decides a person.
Nah- That'd be just plain boring.

he reminds me of Umetaro

.. Old dude,

I'm getting pretty sleepy

..Huh

'cause it'd be mean to keep calling him "old dude".

I know! The next time I see him, I'm going to call him Umetaro

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An usual day at Jshoujo's palace.
I WANT MORE MANGA
WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG?
SHUT UP AND WAIT
IT'S A LEECHER
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
JSHOUJO SCANS NEEDS YOU!
WE NEED STAFF!
WHY DON'T THEY HELP US? BY JOINING US OR GETTING OTHERS TO?
Visit our website at manga-taira.it

Physical makeup...

Loss.

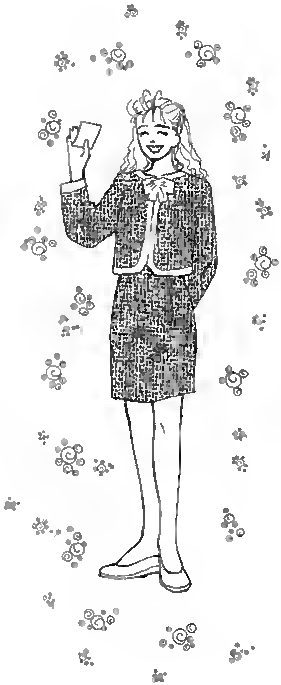
Disposition

....

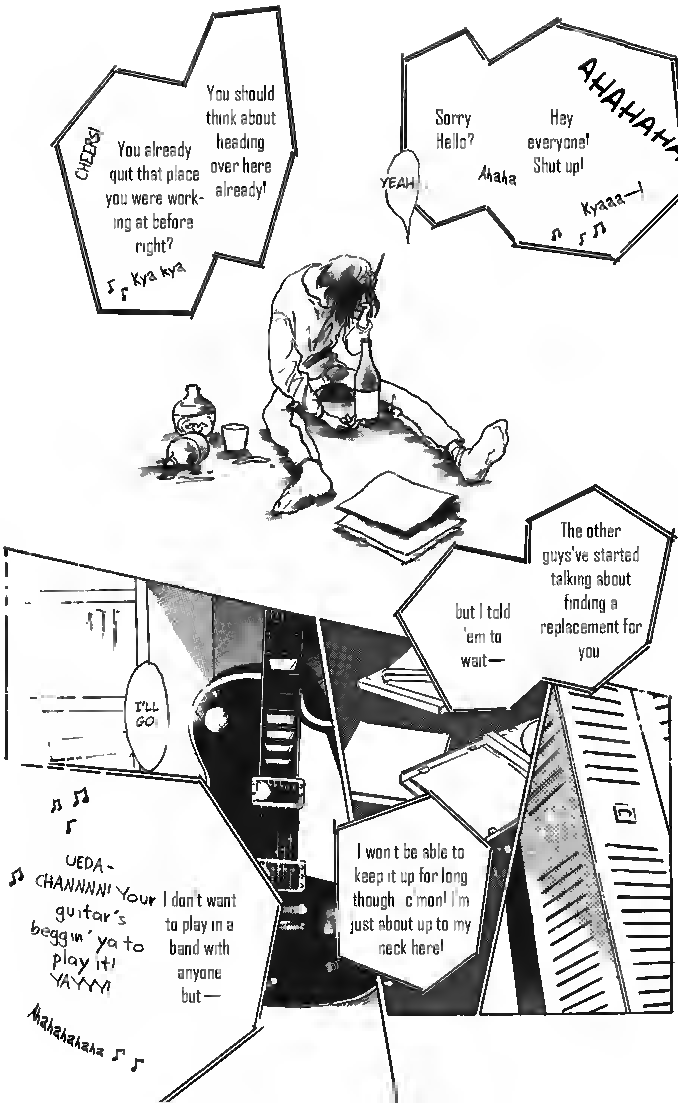
...Stupefaction...

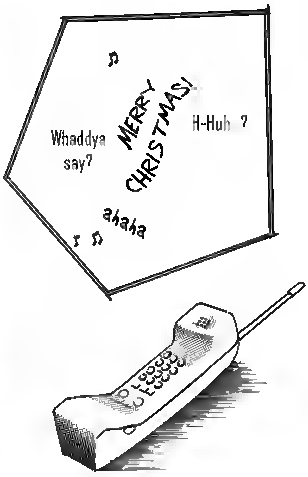
I CAN'T SEE A FUTURE WITH YOU.

YOU MIGHT LOOK DOWN ON A GOVERNMENT WORKER AS BEING DULL AND STUPID.
DON'T THINK BADLY OF ME.
BUT...I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE WITH HIM.
YOU SHOULD FIND SOMEONE YOU'RE SUITED TO BE WITH.



Someone who's predisposed to become a business man...
Hellloooo~
Ueda?
fa kakakaka
Ding Ding Ding

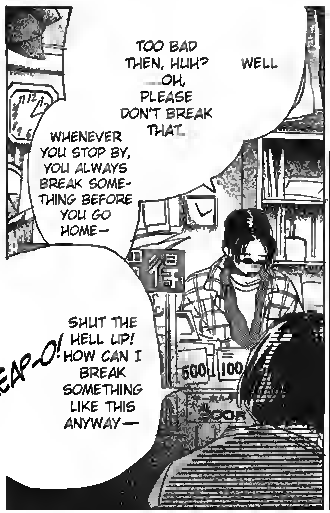

You should think about heading over here already!
CHEERS!
You already quit that place you were working at before right?
♪ Kya kya
AHAHAHAHA
Sorry
Hello?
Hey everyone! Shut up!
YEAH!
Ahaha
Kyaaa—!
♪ ♫
The other guys've started talking about finding a replacement for you
but I told 'em to wait—
I'LL GO!
♫ ♫
UEDA-CHANNNN! Your guitar's beggin' ya to play it! YAYYY!
I don't want to play in a band with anyone but—
I won't be able to keep it up for long though c'mon! I'm just about up to my neck here!
Nahahahaaa ♪ ♪



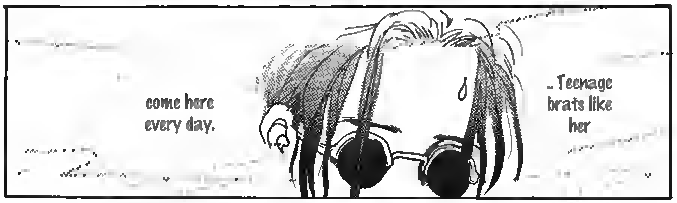
That's

one pathetic incident

that happened to me recently.

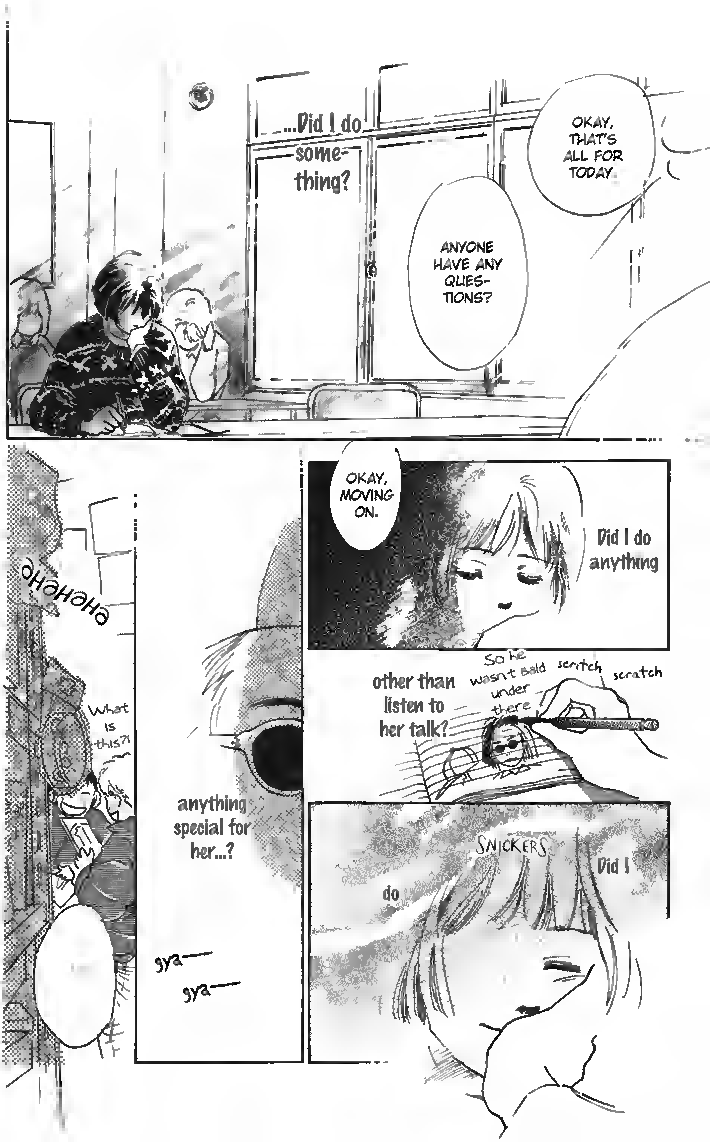

TOO BAD THEN, HUH?
WELL
—OH, PLEASE DON'T BREAK THAT.
WHENEVER YOU STOP BY, YOU ALWAYS BREAK SOMETHING BEFORE YOU GO HOME—
SHUT THE HELL UP! HOW CAN I BREAK SOMETHING LIKE THIS ANYWAY—
CHEAP-O!
500
100

She's here again?
YOU WERE CLOSED, WEREN'T YOU? I CAME BY, YOU KNOW!
honk—


come here every day.
..Teenage brats like her

I don't know why
but she comes here every day
WHOOPS
IT REALLY DID BREAK..
SNAP

WELL THEN...
SNICKERS
GIVE IT TO ME
HEY~ I ASKED YOU A QUESTION!
C'MON! TELL ME!
A PATHETIC WAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS
WHAT
I DRANK BEER,
GOT DRUNK,
AND FELL ASLEEP!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
AND I SLEPT!
I ATE CAKE WITH MY 'RENTS,
I WENT TO TAKE STUDY LESSONS,
brag
Well that's..... kinda sad too

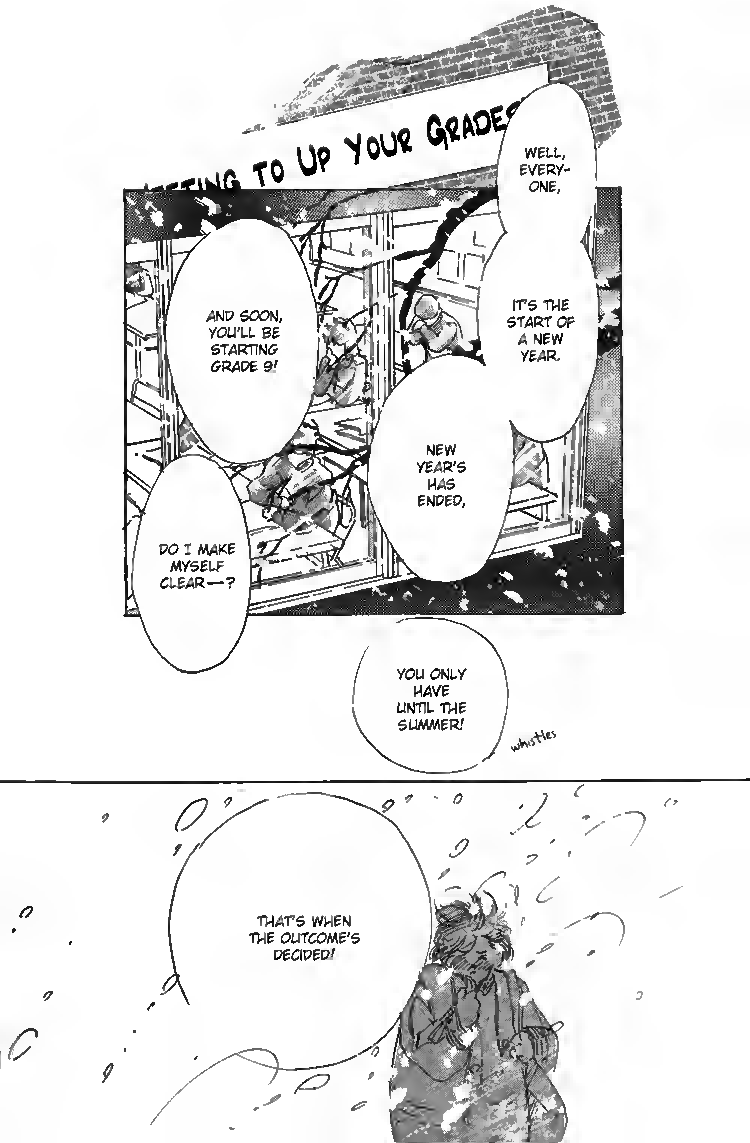

...Did I do some-thing?
ANYONE HAVE ANY QUES-TIONS?
OKAY, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
OKAY, MOVING ON.
Did I do anything
other than listen to her talk?
So he wasn't bald under there.
scratch
scratch
SNICKERS
Did I do
anything special for her...?
gya—
gya—
What is this?!
HAHAHA

I DON'T MIND IF YOU BROWSE,
Atsushi, how 'bout some thing like this!
BUT DON'T GO AROUND—
RIPPING
RIP
You can hardly see it.
Whoops
YOU TWO OVER THERE
cough
HEY—
This is probably just a rip off
rustle
rustle
But this one's pretty cool
scrunch
scrunch
AH HA HA HA HA
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE THOUGH!
YOU HAVE TO BUY IT NOW!
KAKUHAN~!
GEEZ
THE
BAG...
HIPPIE
THANKS FOR COMING
So... she's come here again, huh?
GET OUT OF THE WAY! I CAN'T GET IN!
YA LIL' BUG-GERS!
flinch
drops

looks like
I won't be able to fix it
Geez
1000
WHEN YOU'RE WITH YOUR FRIENDS TOO?
ARE YOU LIKE THAT
...UME,
980
1500
AS THOSE BRATS, AREN'T I?
I'M THE SAME
TO YOU.
...WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I MIND
HEY!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS WEARING SUN-GLASS-ES?

HEY!
wink wink—
See ya
YOU THIEF!
Why?
Do you just accept what I said without question?
...
YOU HAVE A WEIRD FACE SO IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU.
CAUSE I HAVE A WEIRD FACE
500
1000
special
HEY—
DOES THIS LOOK GOOD ON ME?
...
tense
tense

Damn it...
that little brat...
Did you hear that? It was a shoplifter!
honk honk
vroom
swish
slide
slide
slide
vroom
swish
swish
And that crab-walking teenage brat's back at it again too.


...ING TO UP YOUR GRADES
WELL, EVERY-ONE,
IT'S THE START OF A NEW YEAR.
NEW YEAR'S HAS ENDED,
AND SOON, YOU'LL BE STARTING GRADE 9!
DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR—?
YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL THE SUMMER!
whistles
THAT'S WHEN THE OUTCOME'S DECIDED!

whistles —
clatter
clatter
clatter
WHAT IS "THE OUTCOME"?
UMETARO
tip tip
giggles
HUH
YA THINK I'M A MORON OR WHAT?
OH,
THAT?
THAT'S THE GRASS
THAT YOU PUT INTO YOUR BATH TO MAKE IT FLOAT
ON CHILDREN'S DAY
HERE
HUH?
clatter
clatter
whistle—
I'M TEMPORARILY RICH 'CAUSE I GOT NEW YEAR'S MONEY.
THE SUNGLASSES
THIS IS THE MONEY FOR

HEY...
YOU'RE CLOSING UP SHOP?
Hm?
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?!
HUH
WELL, ISN'T THAT BIG-HEARTED OF YOU
whistle—
..WELL IN THIS SNOW-STORM,
chatter
Except for you.
I DOUBT ANYONE ELSE IS GONNA SHOW UP.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT—? NO FAST FOOD THOUGH!
I'M NOT HUNGRY. AND BESIDES, I HAVE SOME LEFTOVERS FROM YESTERDAY AT HOME.
OH, LET'S GO AND EAT DINNER FIRST!
THEN LET'S GO HOME TO-GETHER!
YAYY!

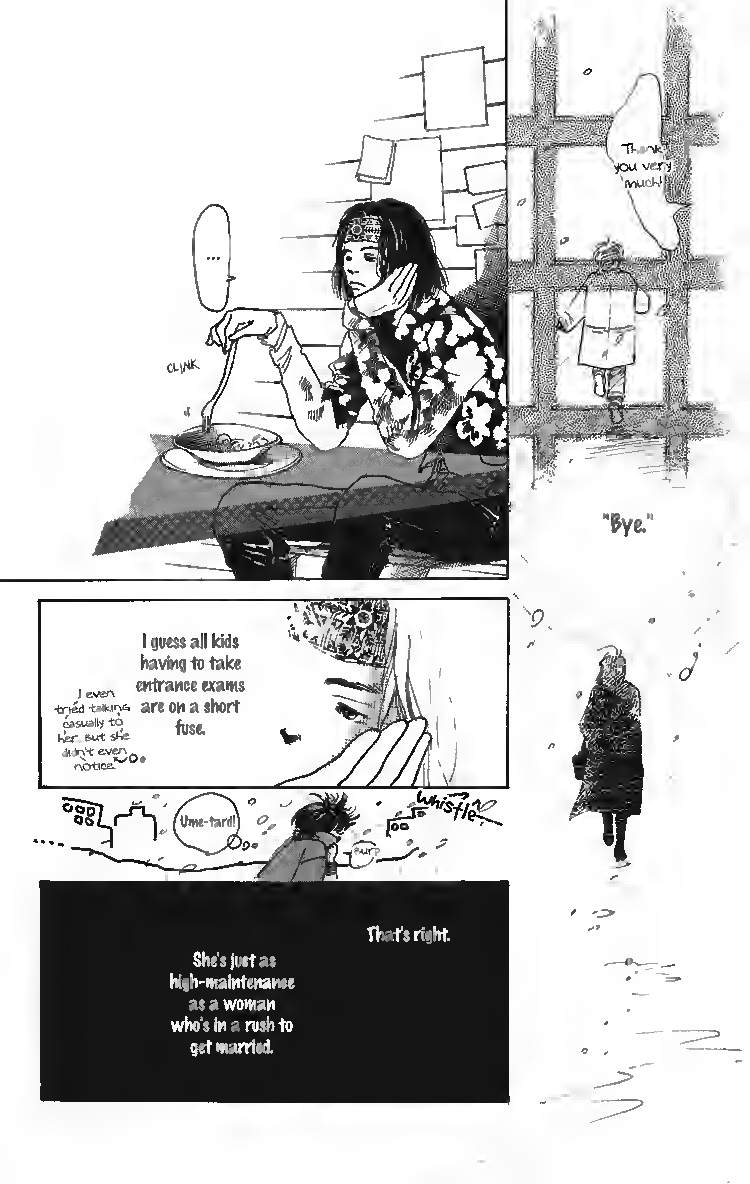
HELLO
cough
whee-ze...
wheeze
wobble...
ha
ha
AHAHA-
HAHA

CLINK
CLINK
giggle
giggle
munch

COUGH....
SNICKERS
THAT'S MY WATER.
...
THUMP

WHAT'S WRONG?
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
crunch
crunch
munch
munch
slurp
slurp
slurp
gulp
full
....
swish
rustle
rustle

CLATTER
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK ME FOR MY NAME?!
MY NAME!
I'M NOT "LIM-ETARO" EITHER SO..
WELL,
clatter
BYE.
LIMETARO!


...
CLINK
Thank you very much!!
"Bye."
I guess all kids having to take entrance exams are on a short fuse.
I even tried talking casually to her, but she didn't even notice.
Ume-tard!
whistle
That's right.
She's just as high-maintenance as a woman who's in a rush to get married.

I can't see —
I can't see a future with you.

— a future with you —

I'm not cut out to be a businessman. I tried, but I just couldn't do it.

And it's asking too much of me to try to understand a middle schooler.

I'm going to live my life with him.

I'm going to live my life—

You should find someone you're suited to be with—

I'm going to live my life—

I'm going to live my life with him—

TKUO
CRASH
crash
crash

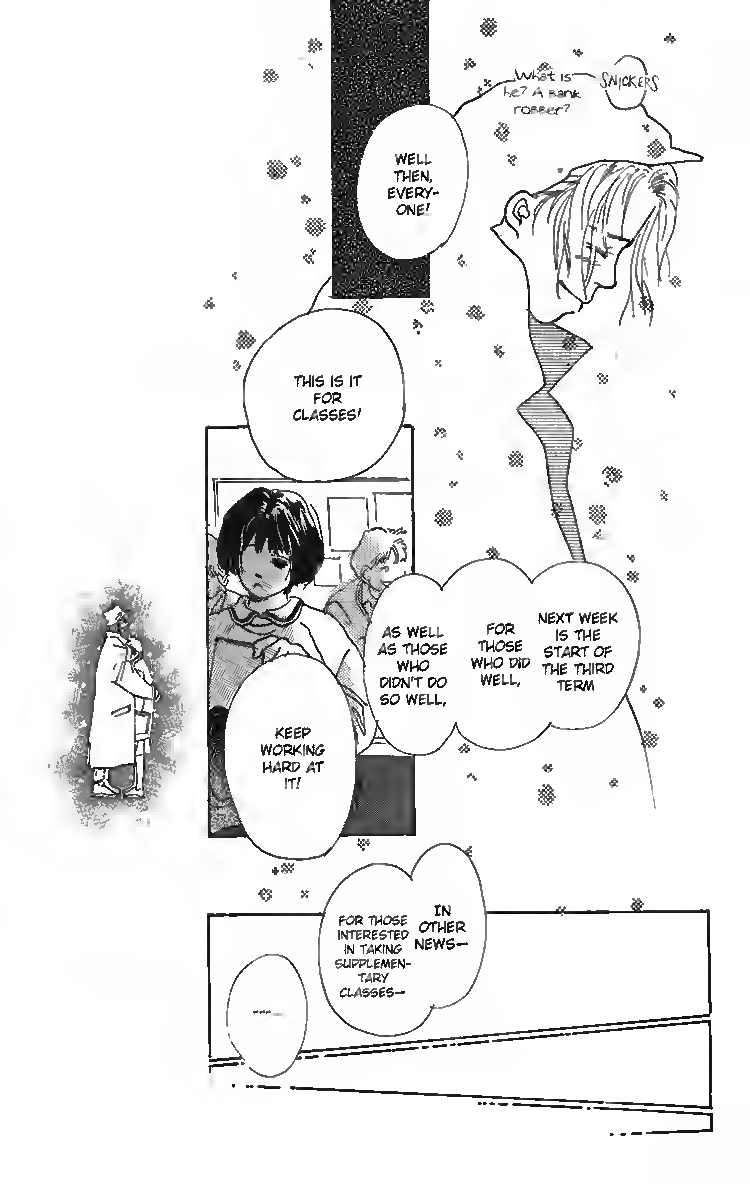
UME, I'M SORRY
LET'S JUST FORGET ANY-THING EVER HAPPENED LAST NIGHT
blushes
wavers...
Marlboro
KINDA HAVE THIS FEELING
THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER APOLO-GIZED TO ANYONE...
HAHA-HAHA.

You can have this.
THAT A COMPLETE STRANGER
I WAS REALLY HAPPY, YOU KNOW?
WOULD LISTEN TO WHAT I HAD TO SAY IN THIS SNOWSTORM.
YOU JUST SAT THERE AND LISTENED
WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.
IF
Oooh~ It's a kid's lunch set!
I PROBABLY WOULDA CALLED YOU A "MORON."
AND GOTTEN REALLY DEPRESSED.
OR WHAT I SHOULD BE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT,
YOU HAD TOLD ME STUFF ABOUT HOW IT SHOULD BE

So that's
all
it was?
THAT'S WHY
IT DOESN'T MATTER
THAT YOU DIDN'T ASK ME FOR MY NAME—
Huh..
THAT'S WHY
I WAS REALLY HAPPY
THAT YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING—
MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.

I was too embarrassed to say any of that.
"Once you stop having things that get to you, then you're pretty much done as a person."
"There's no point in choosing the easy way out"
"I'm stupid too."
LIME,
HOW MANY SUNGLASSES DO YOU OWN ANYHOW?
...TWENTY-
(twenty)
So that was all it was
YOU
heard me that?

click
I could've said any number of things to let you down.
rattle
SLAM
pat
pit
pat pit
pit pat
pit
pat
pit
pat
pit
pat
pit
pat
pit
pat


WELL THEN, EVERY-ONE!
What is he? A bank robber?
SNICKERS
THIS IS IT FOR CLASSES!
KEEP WORKING HARD AT IT!
AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DIDN'T DO SO WELL,
FOR THOSE WHO DID WELL,
NEXT WEEK IS THE START OF THE THIRD TERM
IN OTHER NEWS—
FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING SUPPLEMEN-TARY CLASSES—
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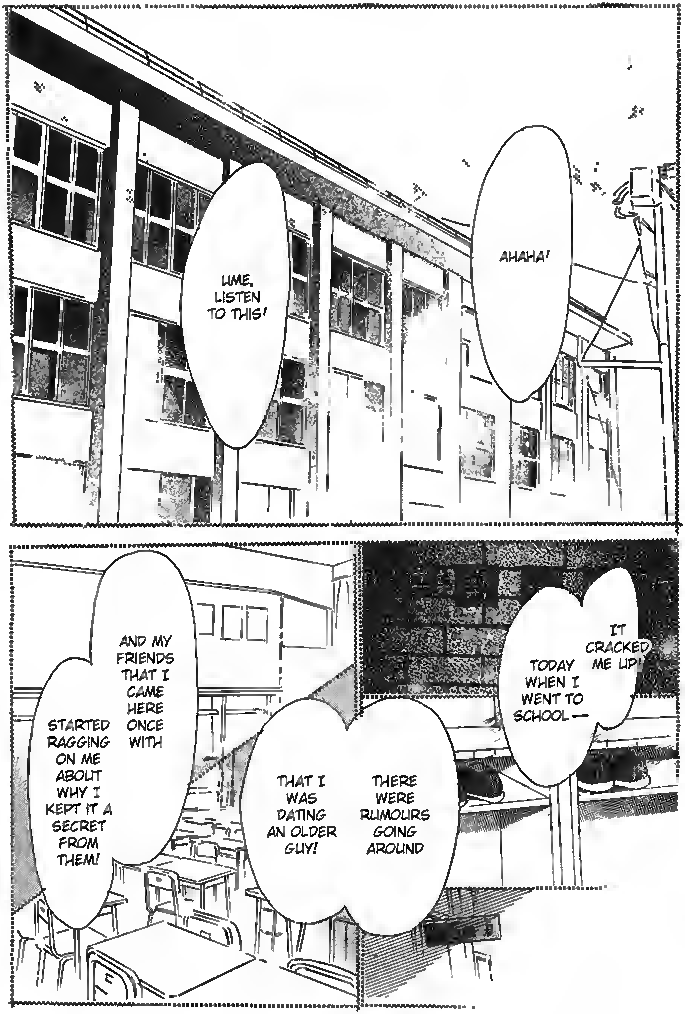
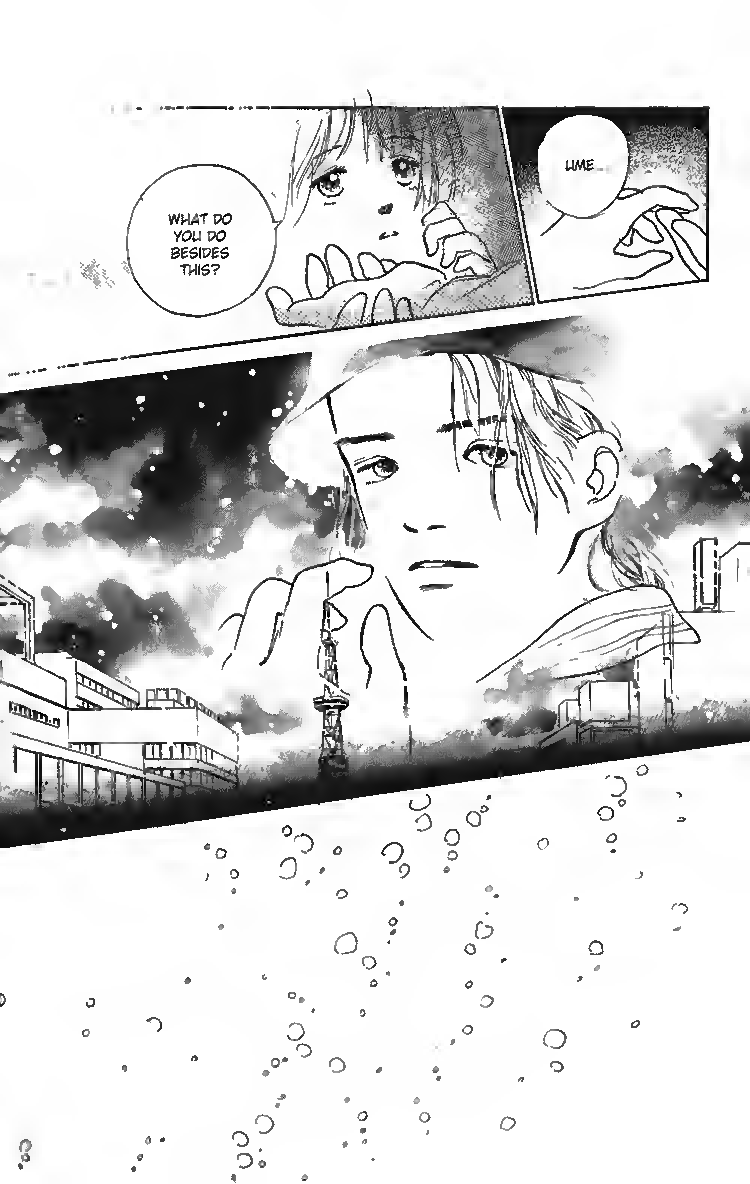

LIME, LISTEN TO THIS!
AHAHA!
TODAY WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL—
IT CRACKED ME UP!
THERE WERE RUMOURS GOING AROUND
THAT I WAS DATING AN OLDER GUY!
AND MY FRIENDS THAT I CAME HERE ONCE WITH
STARTED RAGGING ON ME ABOUT WHY I KEPT IT A SECRET FROM THEM!

WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL,
rustle rustle
I GOT SHUT OUT TOO
AND SO THEY...
IGNORED ME THE ENTIRE DAY...
OOH, YOU MEAN THAT GIRL THAT BOUGHT THE T-SHIRT?
RIGHT!
SNICKERS
"WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US WHEN WE KNEW HIM TOO?"
AND THEN THEY TOLD ME: "WE DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SOMETIMES."

'CAUSE I STOLE A FRIEND'S GIRL BY SLEEPING WITH HER
AHA HA- HA...
RUSTLE
THUD
HA...
EVERY-THING WENT BACK TO NORMAL SOON AFTER THOUGH
What is she doing..?
I can see her underwear
Upsy daisy
...

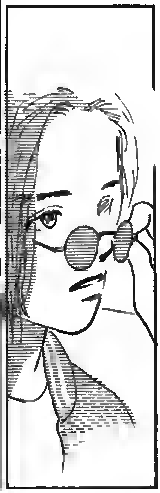

WHAT DO YOU DO BESIDES THIS?
LIME...

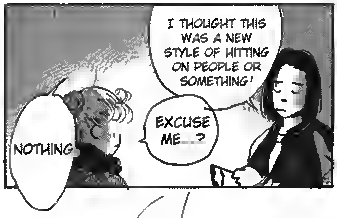
He's someone who plays the guitar.

Ishoujo Scans

I'D LIKE TO GET THIS PLEASE!
I-
grabs
swish
Welcome
YES?
THAT'LL BE 250 YEN
AH, YES!
UM...
TWO
CLINK
HUNDRED AND
CLINK
COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS IS?!
C-
grabs
swish
...THANK
YOU...
VERY....
IT'S A CALCULA-TOR

puff
UM...
I'M PART OF THE TEACHING STAFF
AT DAIICHI MIDDLE SCHOOL
NAME IS MISUGI
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW
A STUDENT IN MY CLASS? HER NAME'S SUDO HARUMI...

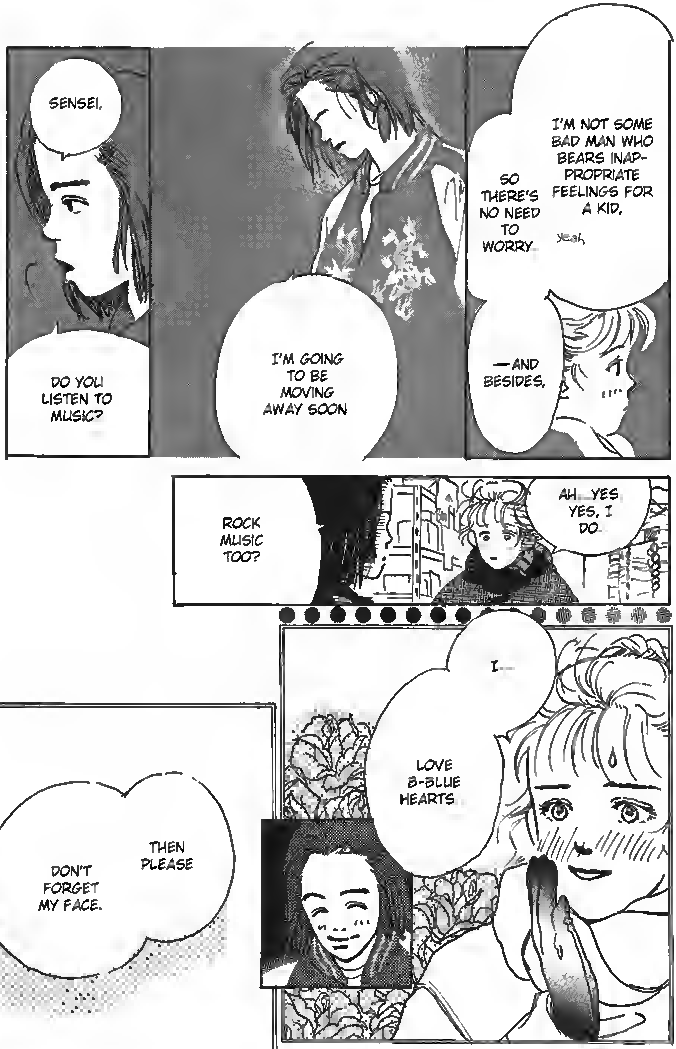



I THOUGHT THIS WAS A NEW STYLE OF HITTING ON PEOPLE OR SOMETHING!
EXCUSE ME...?
NOTHING

UM—SO DO YOU HAPPEN TO..
Oh
So
that's her name?

EVEN MORE?
WILL ONLY ANGER HER
DON'T YOU THINK THIS KIND OF SNOOPING AROUND
SENSEI,
...YES.
...
REGARD-LESS OF WHETHER I LOOK INTO THIS
BUT
OR NOT,
I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ANY SLEEP AT NIGHT ANYHOW.
SO I THOUGHT IT'S BETTER TO KNOW THAN BE LEFT IN THE DARK.

WHO GOES OFF LOOKING FOR TROUBLE...
BUT... SHE'S NOT SOME-ONE...
IF SHE WAS A TROUBLE MAKER,
THEN THERE WOULD'VE BEEN MANY WAYS OF DEALING WITH HER
SHE'S NOT VERY FOND OF ME.
AND...
Click
Limo
...
—SENSEI,
SHE COMES HERE EVERY DAY
TO BLAB ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT GOT ON HER NERVES THAT DAY, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT POPS INTO HER MIND
AFTER SHE DOES THAT, SHE HEADS HOME. I'M JUST ACTING THE PART OF THE LISTENER. NOTHING MORE


SENSEI,
DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC?
I'M GOING TO BE MOVING AWAY SOON
I'M NOT SOME BAD MAN WHO BEARS INAPPROPRIATE FEELINGS FOR A KID,
SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
Yeah,
—AND BESIDES,
ROCK MUSIC TOO?
AH... YES YES, I DO.
I...
LOVE B-BLUE HEARTS
THEN PLEASE
DON'T FORGET MY FACE.

SENSEI.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REST EASY AT NIGHT.
vrooom---

LIME-TARD!
THUD
!
honk
honk
WHOOM!!
OWW..
W-W-Who
does she think I am anyway?!
rustle
YA LIL' WHADD YA DO THAT FOR?!
THIS ALL JUST SUCKS BALLS...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FOUND SOMETHING INTERESTING...
"I-Interesting"?
Is she talking about me..?
"Something..."
something interesting.."

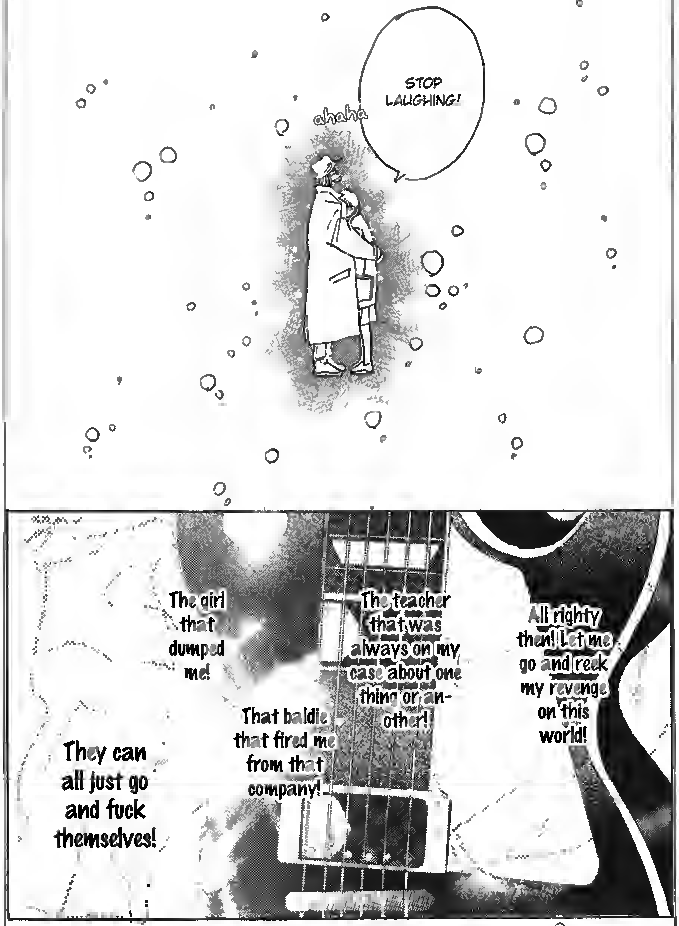
VROOM
SNICKERS
DON'T BRAG ABOUT SOMETHING IF YOU CAN'T EVEN SAY IT!
SNAP
pat pat
WELL, I'M GOING OVER THERE TO DO SOMETHING INTERESTING!
YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS ARE SO QUICK TO WANT TO MOVE TO TOKYO!
NO!
SAY IT!
WHAT'S THAT?
JUST YOU REMEMBER MY FACE, YOU HEAR ME?!
I WOULDN'T FORGET, RETARD.
-oh-
Is that right?

ahaha
HEY.
DO YOU
YEAH.
...
TO BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS?
ALWAYS MAKE SURE
...
..YOUR PROBLEM?!
See ya!
ARE YOU SURE?

There are guys that turn into crabs and robbers for ya..
AKCHOO
TALK ABOUT A LOW BLOW
LOOK
YOU'RE GONNA START LAYING ON THE LECTURE NOW~
WHAT?
"SUDO HARUMI"

AHA-HA-HA-HA
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW
OKAY THEN! I'LL TELL YOU
MY REAL NAME!
chuckles
YOU'RE
UMETARO TO ME

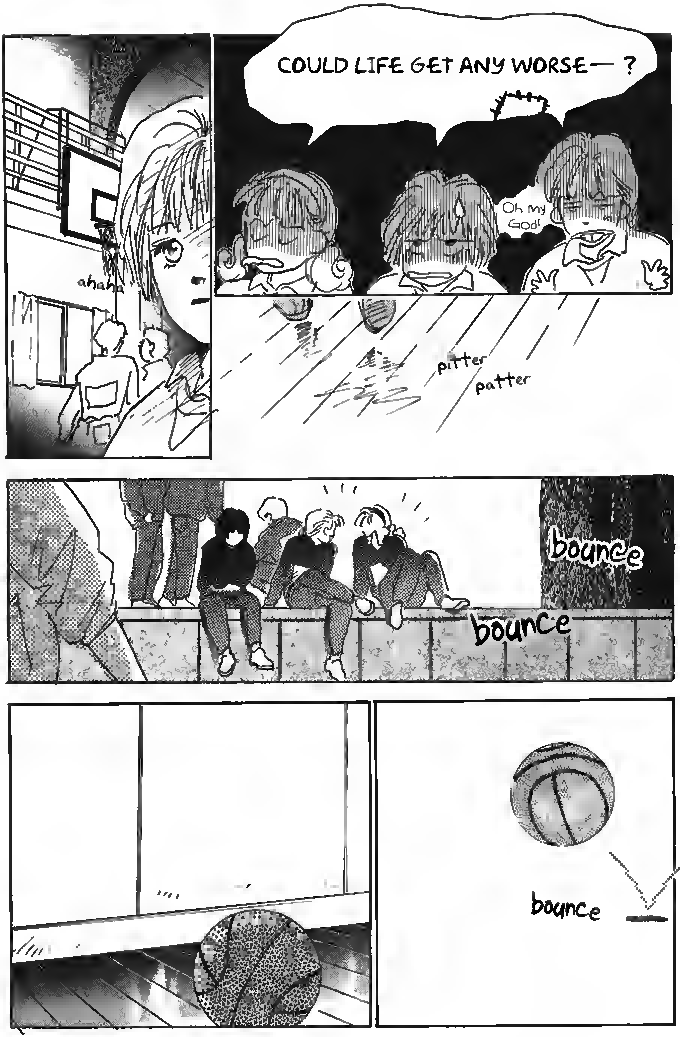
He's finding it hard to draw back his arms
THEN I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU HUGGED ME
BUT
IF YOU REALLLY WANT A HUG,
and you just HAVE to have it
honk honk
Phew...
I'm glad I'm not a teacher...
HAHA
I can sleep at night..
but if I were a teacher and I had a kid like her in my class...
talk about a handful!


STOP LAUGHING!
ahaha
They can all just go and fuck themselves!
That baldie that fired me from that company!
The girl that dumped me!
The teacher that was always on my case about one thing or another!
All righty then! Let me go and reck my revenge on this world!

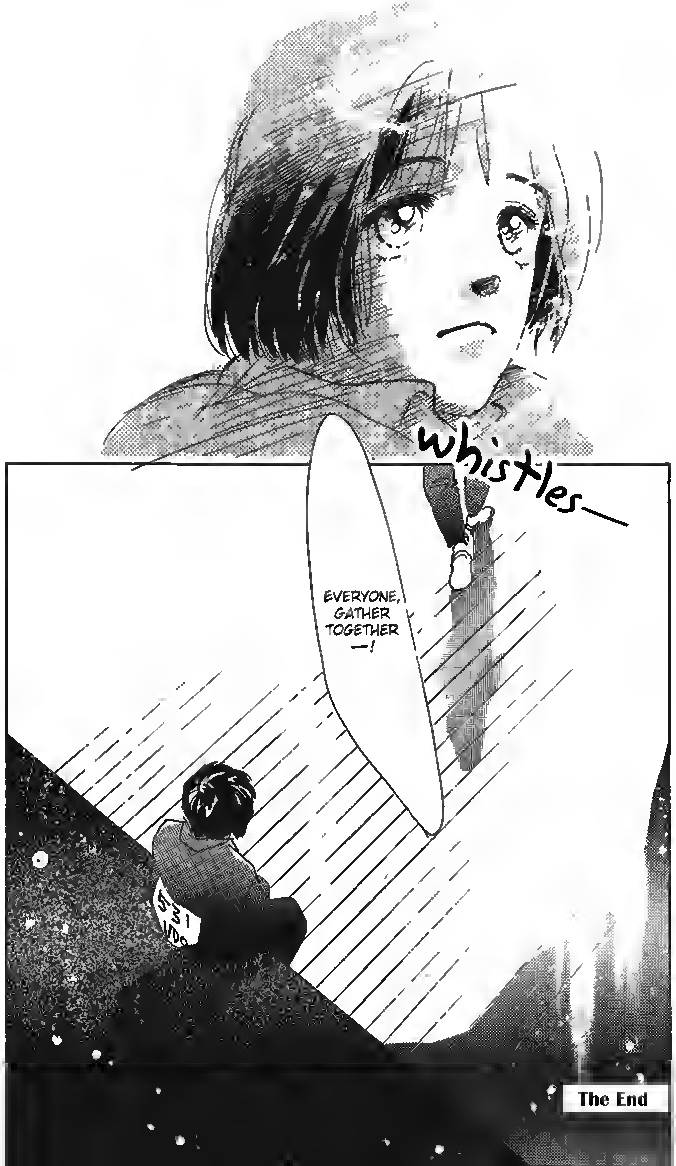
Hey, Ueda?!
Where are you right now?!
HANEDA.
WHERE DO I NEED TO GO FROM HERE?
Okay, well you have to go past Hamamatsu
and you have to get on the Yamanote Line. Then, at Takadanobaba
you have to switch to the Seibu Shinjuku line—
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
FUCK THAT! COME PICK ME UP!
HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER ALL THAT?
—You have no intention of remembering do you?

CHOCO-LATES, HUH?
YOU'RE PLAN-NING TO GIVE THEM TO YOUR BOYFRIEND!
I BET
DING DONG
DING DONG
GR8 DIV5
noise
noise
noise
Talk about hypocrisy!
...HEY! WHO'S THE ONE THAT IGNORED ME FOR IT?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE IS
YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER FOR LETTING A CATCH LIKE THAT GO!
ohahaha

HE WAS A RETARD!
I wonder who I should give my Valentine to?
..HE WASN'T CUTE AT ALL.
YEAH, TOTALLY!
And I wanted to take it out on somebody
SO I WAS JUST A BIT JEALOUS.
WELL, HE WAS PRETTY CUTE
Don't you think?
I'M FREEZING!
DINGGGG DONNNG
I'M GOING TO CONFISCATE THIS!
YOU THERE!
HEYYY!
pitter patter
pitter
I bet you're gonna read it—!
Noooo—
Sorry
Shut up!
HANA'S VALENTINES
Damn it!
INTERPRETIVE DANCE.
NO IDEA
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE STARTING NEXT WEEK?


COULD LIFE GET ANY WORSE— ?
Oh my God!
pitter
patter
ahaha
bounce
bounce
bounce

Baby Blue
No way!
Yeah and like—
kya
kya
ahaha
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR HERE
I'VE NEVER ONCE IN MY LIFE
CALLED ANYONE "UGLY" THAT WAS ACTUALLY UGLY
516
MAEJIMA


whistles—
EVERYONE, GATHER TOGETHER —!
The End

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MO-RON!
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

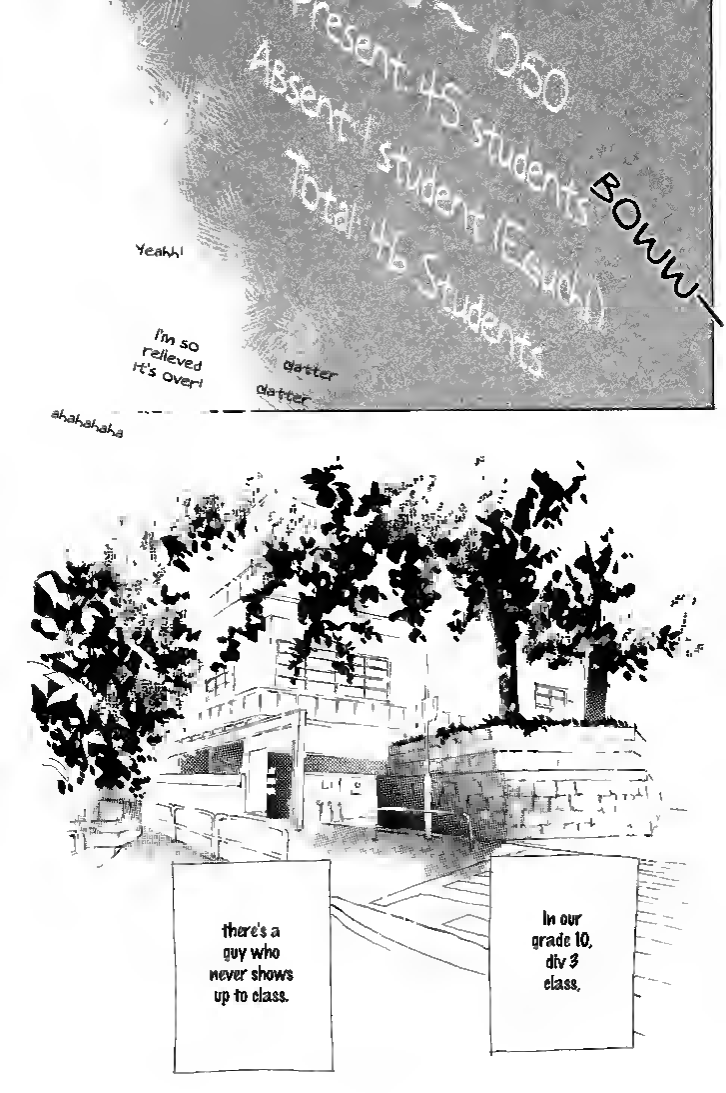
10, Even
20 Years from Now

THIS IS MY SECOND TIME COMING TO SCHOOL

THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, AND TODAY.

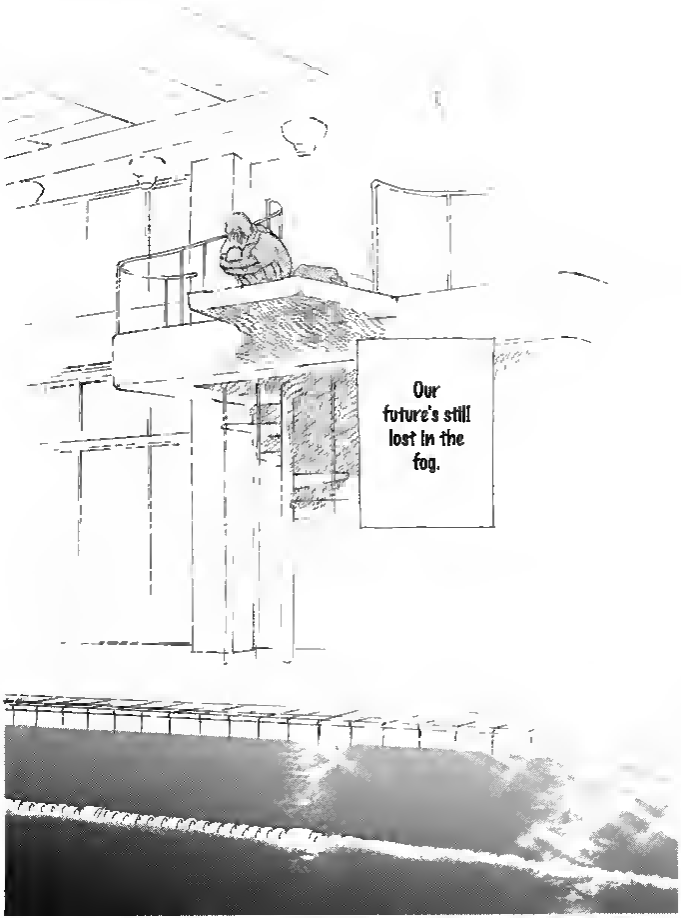
I'm the narrator. My name's Konashi Minoru. I'm in the swim club.
I'm going to tell you about the summer of my grade 10 year.
BeEEeEEPPP

yaaa


Present: 45 students
Absent: 1 student (Excuse)
Total: 46 students
BOWW—
Yeah!
I'm so relieved it's over!
clatter
clatter
ahahahaha

there's a guy who never shows up to class.
In our grade 10, div 3 class,

See ya
See ya later~
Got ya!
In the beginning, everyone made up all sorts of rumours about him,
but lately, interest in him's waned.
Every-one's just too caught up.
in their own lives.
I'm first to arr-
dashes
Post Commemorative


Our future's still lost in the fog.

.....
YO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?

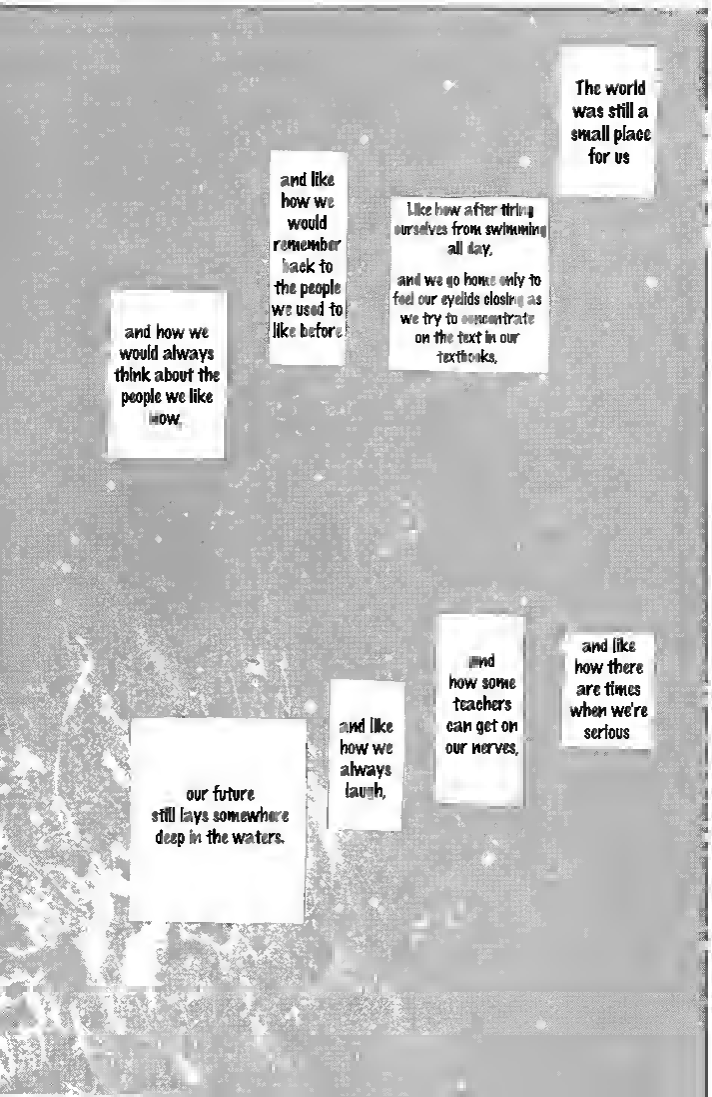
10, Even 20 years From now

clank
ARE YOU A SWIMMER?
WHAT THE HECK...
YOU CAN'T ENTER THE POOL AREA WITH YOUR SHOES ON.
UM, YOU KNOW...
I WAS WALKING BY WHEN I SAW IT THROUGH THAT WINDOW OVER THERE. I THOUGHT IT'D BE PRETTY COOL IN HERE BUT IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY HOT!
THIS POOL'S AMAZING!

EVEN PRESCHOOLERS KNOW THAT...
SLAM
GIVE HIM A GOOD TALKING TO, WON'T YOU, KONASHI-KUN?
AH, YES...
...HEY, MY LIL SIS IS IN PRESCHOOL RIGHT NOW,
BUT SHE CAN'T EVEN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ACROBAT AND SINBAD.
WHISPER
snicker
Don't you think she's so stupid?

AND WHO MAY YOU BE, LITTLE MISS HOT-SHOT?
WHA~?
ARE YOU A STUDENT HERE?
...WHO ARE YOU?
Err... Um...
C'mon now, Hey!
I'M NAKABAYASHI MAKI GRADE 11, DIVISION 5.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HERE, TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES.
OTHERWISE, LEAVE.
I'M EGUCHI AKI-HIRO. GRADE 10, DIVISION 3.
...FINE THEN.
C'mon
Just get this all settled without resorting to
C'mon.
I'M LEAVING.

What?
Huh...?
PULLS
"EGUCHI"?
DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS "EGUCHI"?
SPLASH
Pool Depth 3.0M


The world was still a small place for us
and like how we would remember back to the people we used to like before
Like how after tiring ourselves from swimming all day,
and we go home only to feel our eyelids closing as we try to concentrate on the text in our textbooks,
and how we would always think about the people we like now,
and like how there are times when we're serious
and how some teachers can get on our nerves,
and like how we always laugh,
our future still lays somewhere deep in the waters.

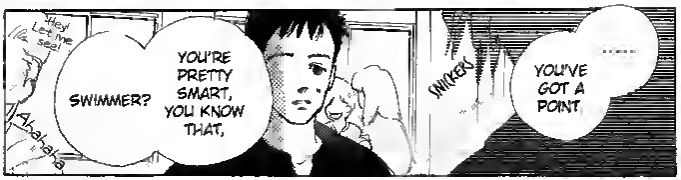
KON-
ASHI-
KON-
ASHI-
'MORN-
ING,
KON-
ASHI!
noise
noise
IS IT TRUE "EGUCHI" CAME TO SCHOOL YESTERDAY? DID YOU SEE HIM?
YEAH 'MORNING.
noise
noise
WHAT KINDA PERSON WAS HE? I WONDER IF HE'S COMING TODAY TOO?
noise
What do you think?

Giggle
!
NO WAY!
WHO KNOWS? ALL I KNOW FOR SURE IS, I PUSHED HIM INTO THE POOL YESTERDAY
KYA-
AGAGA
WHO IS IT!?
IS THAT YOU, HISAKO?!
SHOU-CHAN?
OH, I BET IT'S YOU, KAW-ASAKI-
Ahahaha
C'mon
Noo, let me go!
Ahaha Ahaha
I BET IT'S A GUY.
WHO..

GOOD MORNING.
CLATTER
1-3
YOU WITH THE BLONDE HAIR.
ARE YOU EGUCHI?
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S AN UN-FAMILIAR FACE HERE TODAY.
WHAT'S THIS? ..?
Kya? Kya?
Noise Noise
giggle giggle
Did you know what he did to me just now?!
Ahahaha I was so surprised!
I know he's getting a rise out of this.
Eguchi, that bastard~
That's me!

That bastar—
I can't believe he can do something like that to a girl he's never even met before.
Ahahahaha
SWIMMER.
And she seems a little TOO happy about it, if you know what I mean.
MIND IF I TAKE YOUR PIC?
FLA SH
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
Kanemori Shinsuke
Okumura Kazue
Im Suzuki Maeko
Yoshihara Miya
Sakurai Shin
Sato Im Daki!
Ivanyeve I

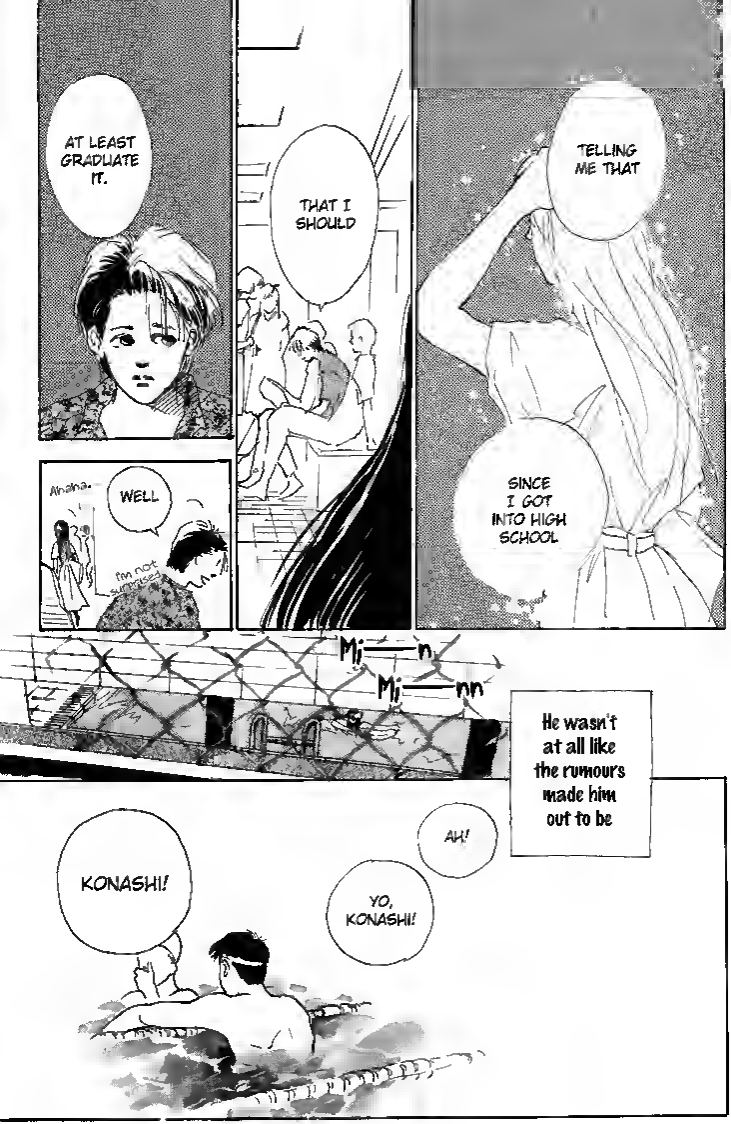
Ahaha...
noise
noise
EGUCHI.
WHAT'S UP?
IF YOU JUST CAME TO SCHOOL EVERDAY, I DON'T THINK YOU'D HAVE ANY TROUBLES REMEMBERING ANYONE'S NAMES.
You look so weird in this picture!
WELL,
I GET THEM TO WRITE THEIR NAMES DOWN ON THIS.
IF I DO THIS, EVEN A STUPID GUY LIKE ME'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THE FACE AND NAME TOGETHER, RIGHT? GREAT IDEA, DON'T YOU AGREE?
Donchya Donchya?


Hey! Let me see!
Ahaha
SWIMMER?
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, YOU KNOW THAT,
SNICKER
.....
YOU'VE GOT A POINT.

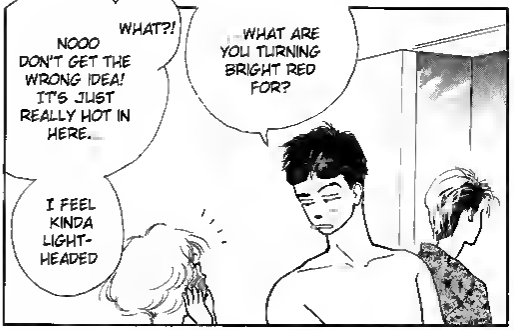
Gya— Gya—
TO SHOW UP EVERYDAY.
I GUESS I'LL TRY MY BEST
WELL THEN,
Ahahaha...

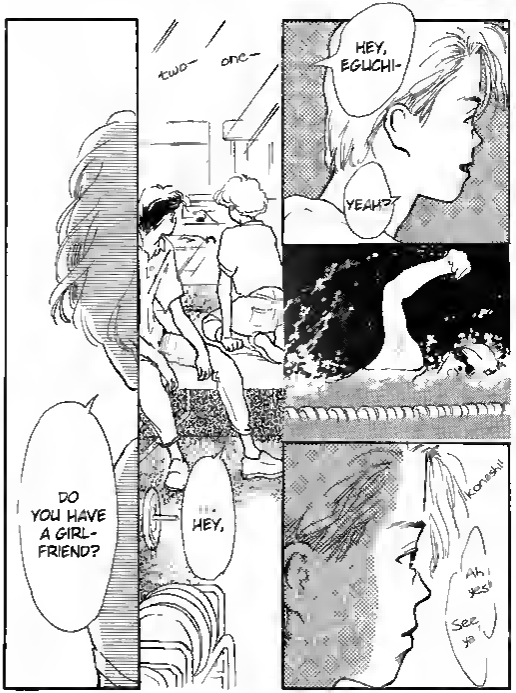
YOU SHOULD!
I don't know who came up with 'em all, but they were all pretty fishy sounding to me.
I remembered back to all the rumours that were going around about him
"I heard he's in a band, and that he's been signed to a label so he doesn't have time to go to school anymore—"
"Huh? I thought he wanted to become a singer?"
"I heard he's really sick and that he doesn't have that long to live!"
"No way!"
"Didja hear? I heard Eguchi's the lone survivor of a family suicide!"

Ahahah
I WANTED TO SAVE UP MONEY MORE THAN I WANTED TO COME TO SCHOOL, YOU KNOW?
Everyone enjoyed just coming up with whatever they could think of.
TO LIVE THERE. TO LIVE AND WORK THERE.
TO DO WHAT?
WELL, I'M GOING OVERSEAS.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE MONEY?
THAT I'M TREADING ON THIN GROUND WHEN IT COMES TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF ATTENDANCE I NEED TO GRADUATE,
...BUT I RECENTLY FOUND OUT
OH... PROBABLY AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SPEAK THAT MUCH ENGLISH.
WHAT COUNTRY ARE YOU GOING TO—?
See ya
AND MY MOM CRIED
THAT'S ME.
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU COME ACROSS A RECKLESS GUY LIKE HIM—
ahahaha


TELLING ME THAT
SINCE I GOT INTO HIGH SCHOOL
THAT I SHOULD
AT LEAST GRADUATE IT.
Ahaha...
WELL
I'm not surprised
Mi——n
Mi——nn
He wasn't at all like the rumours made him out to be
AH!
YO, KONASHI!
KONASHI!

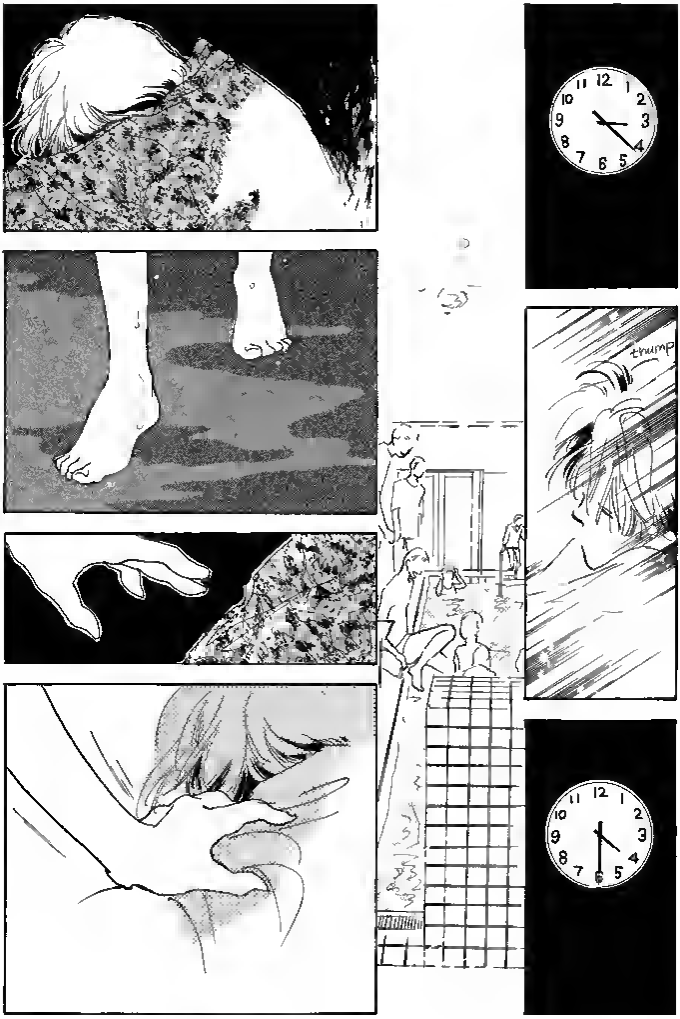
THE GUY THAT HARDLY EVER COMES TO SCHOOL?
I MEAN, FROM YOUR CLASS?
NO, NOT YET. BESIDES THAT—ISN'T THAT THE GUY THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT?
IS THE COACH HERE?
Yahoo!
Oh, is that right?
SAID HE WANTED TO COME AND SEE YOU SWIM, SO WE..
EGUCHI ...
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO WITH YOUR TIME?
NOPE!
IT'S REALLY HOT IN HERE!
Tshoujo Scans


WHAT?!
NOOO DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA! IT'S JUST REALLY HOT IN HERE.
I FEEL KINDA LIGHT-HEADED
...WHAT ARE YOU TURNING BRIGHT RED FOR?


two— one—
HEY, EGUCHI-
YEAH?
DO YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?
...HEY,
Konesh!!
Ah, yes!
See ya

WHY DO YOU ASK?
OH...NO REASON!
hey what's with that face!
SNICKERS
...NO, I DON'T.
HEY, LET'S GO.
OKAY?
YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD I'LL CATCH UP LATER
PUFF
IT'S SO HOT IN HERE..

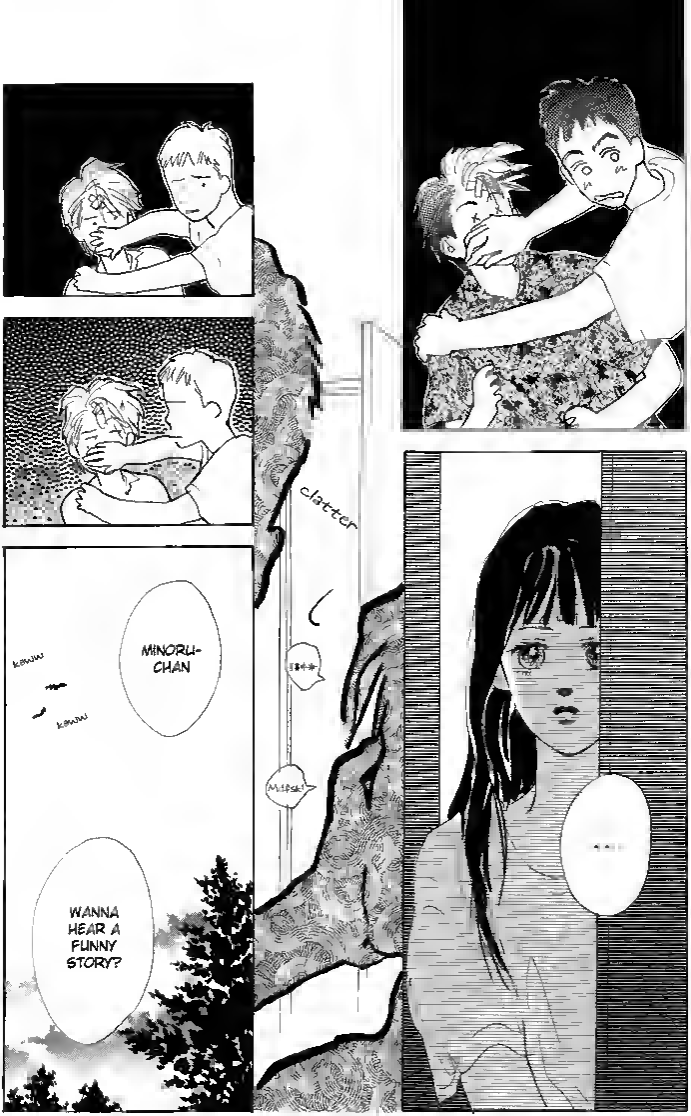
splash
I've
liked Okumura Kazue
ever since I was in middle school.


thump

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT FEELING DIZZY?
I HAVE THIS RINGING IN MY EARS

MAKI-CHAN!
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
YOU SHOULD GET TO A COOLER PLACE RIGHT AWAY—
YOU SHOULD GO OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW!
PULLS
YOU SHOULD
SLAM!
clatter
thud
clatter

AHahahaha
what the hell are you doing?!
Nurse's Room
snicker
YEAH, THIS HAPPENS TO SOMEONE EVERY ONCE IN A BLUE MOON
SHUT UP!
Thank you!
Say your thanks!
Take care
SENSITIVE MUCH?
I KINDA ADMIRE HER MYSELF, TO BE HONEST
NAKABAYASHI-SAN'S PRETTY POPULAR, YOU KNOW?
YOU'RE STILL BEARING A GRUDGE TOWARDS HER ABOUT THAT SHOES-IN-THE-POOL-AREA THING?
Even though the apple of my eye's a little different
YOU'D USUALLY JUST STAND UP AND LEAVE-
NOT ONLY IS SHE PUSHY, BUT SHE'S A GIANT! GIRLS DON'T GET ANY WORSE THAN
UGHHH I HATE BOSSY GIRLS LIKE HER!
PASSED OUT WASN'T BECAUSE OF THE HEAT. IT WAS BECAUSE THAT GIANT PUSHED ME AND I HIT MY HEAD ON THE ALUMINUM PIPE.
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR HERE. THE REASON WHY I NEARLY
@lahter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MINORU-CHAN
WANNA HEAR A FUNNY STORY?

YOU SEE, "OKUMURA KAZUE"
ASKED IF I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND-
Can he be anymore of a jerk?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT THAT?
...what is he, a retard of the third degree?
...WHAT IS IT?
Hey, Minami-chan?
Stalks off
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK SO?
snicker
IT'D BE LIKE ONE OF THOSE MIRROR IMAGES! DON'T YOU THINK THAT'D BE SO MESSED UP?!
AHAHA
HER NAME'D BE "EGUCHI KAZUE."
IF WE MARRY,
WELL, IT'S JUST
SNICKERS
YOU THINK SO TOO, RIGHT?
Your brain's probably more messed up than that though

Doesn't that hurt?
Nnuuu! I got over it
Staff Room
noise
noise

EGUCHI-
IF YOU MISS ONE MORE DAY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REPEAT A YEAR.
YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE TO COME DURING THE SUMMER TOO-
IF YOU MISS EVEN ONE OF THE REMEDIAL COURSES, IT'LL MEAN REPEATING A YEAR FOR YOU.
WELL THEN...
WHAT IF I COME DOWN WITH THE MUMPS OR CHICKEN POX?
DON'T WORRY, THEY HAVE A WAY OF DEALING WITH THAT.
Good
Good
Yeah
IS THAT RIGHT?
Well then, you will be informed then.
HEY,
THAT'S THE GUY, ISN'T HE?
HE'S PRETTY CUTE!
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
?
LOOK AT YOU YOU'RE ALREADY THE RESIDENT SCHOOL CELEBRITY.
Ahaha
Heyyy pretty ladies!
Nice seeing ya here

I felt
that
he was cut out of a different cloth
than the rest of us. Sounds cruel, but that's how I honestly felt.
NAKABAYASHI-SENPAI
UM...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...
BUT UM...
HE DOESN'T SAY THE NICEST OF THINGS, BUT DEEP DOWN HE'S A PRETTY GOOD GUY...
and um...
What's going on?
...THAT'S WHAT I THINK ANYHOW... AND...
WILL YOU TELL HIM FOR ME
THAT BOSSY GIANT'S LIKE ME HATE GUYS WHO BLEACH THEIR HAIR LIKE HE DOES?
This is a lost cause.

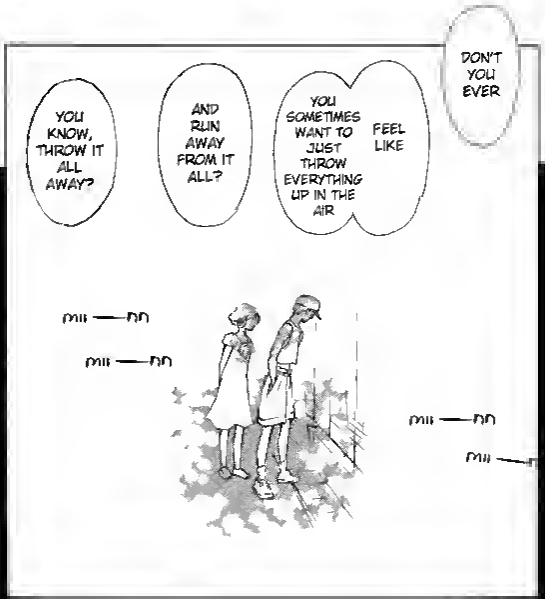
MII
N
MII
N
EGUCHI?
OH, IT'S JUST
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
HEY! I ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU FOR A SEC THERE!
m i i n n
m i i n n
m i i n n

YOU CAN SEE THE POOL FROM HERE.
OH RIGHT, THE ONE IN THE STADIUM.
giggle
CAN YOU SEE KONASHI?
YEAH, HE'S RIGHT THERE.
DO YOU LIKE SWIMMING?
NO
AND BESIDES, I CAN'T SWIM.
NO WAY! Haha
BUT I LIKE WATCHING OTHERS SWIM.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KAZUE-CHAN?
I LIKE SWIM-MING. YEAH,
LET'S GO SWIMMING SOMETIME TOGETHER! ♡
Haha
MO-RON!
I JUST TOLD YOU I CAN'T SWIM!
So why even bother asking?

ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING ON HEADING TO THE STATES?
EGUCHI,

THAT MAKES NO SENSE
HAHA HA,

-WELL, THAT'S A LIE.
REALLY?
NO.


YOU KNOW, THROW IT ALL AWAY?
AND RUN AWAY FROM IT ALL?
YOU SOMETIMES WANT TO JUST THROW EVERYTHING UP IN THE AIR
FEEL LIKE
DON'T YOU EVER
mii——nn
mii——nn
mii——nn
mii——

I'm going to throw it all away.

I GUESS YEAH, THAT'S KIND OF LIKE THE SAME THING.

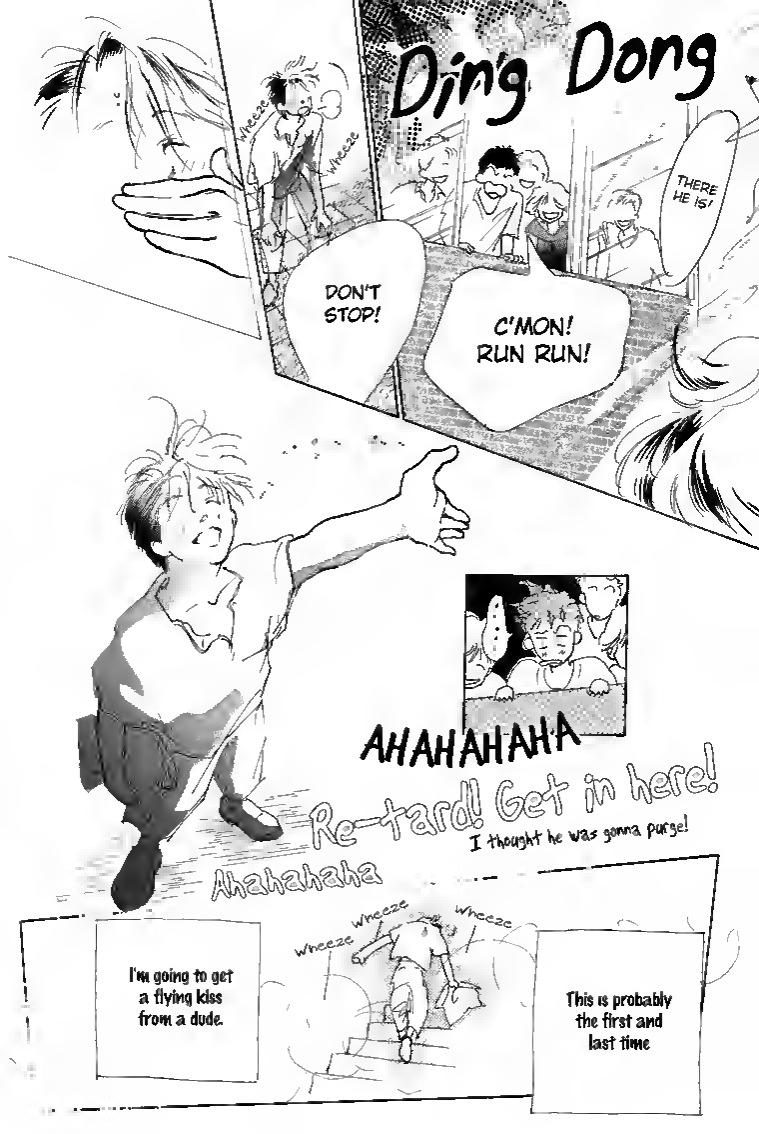
AHA HAHA
PROBABLY NOT, HUH?
WHEN I WAS STUDYING TO GET INTO THIS SCHOOL,
I WISHED THAT I COULD GO TO A COUNTRY WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

My books, CDs, and laser-disc collection, my favorite clothes, my house, my school, my friends, my family, and even the person that I love.

I'm going to throw it all away,
and I'm going to just run away from it all.
I'm sure
it'll be a rush like no other.
shuffle

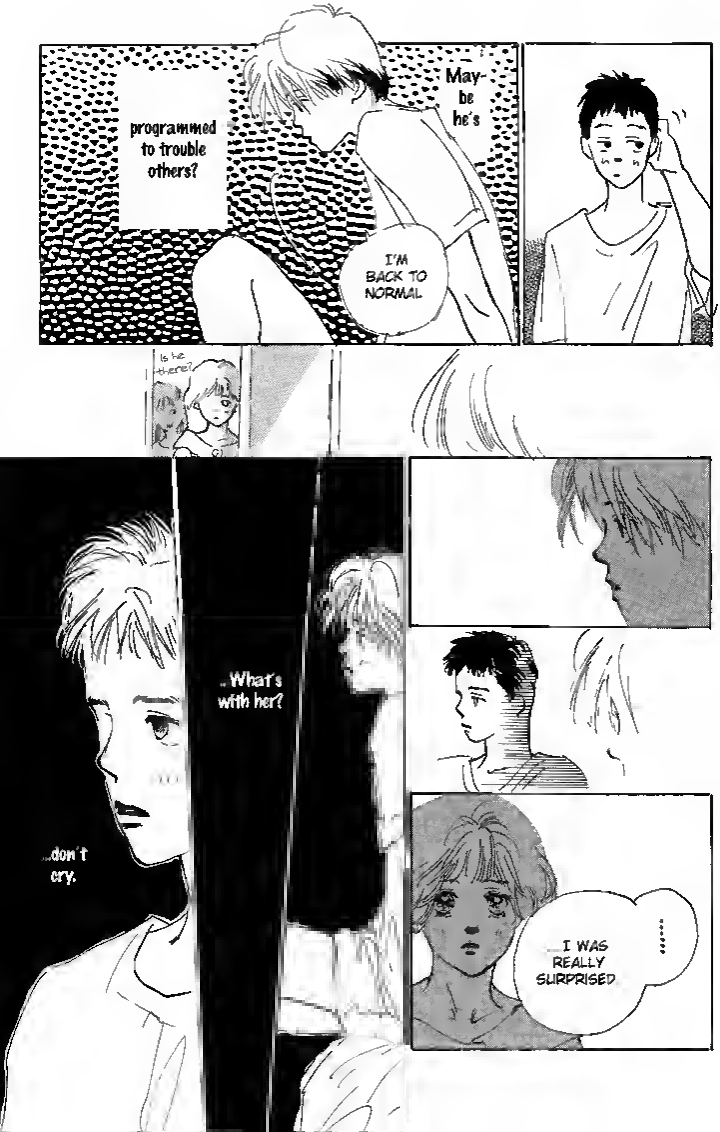
-Geez!
DASHES
DASHES
DASHES
DASHES
DASHES
Why do I have to do something like this...
Damn-it!
CLICK
BEEEEP
EGUCHI?!
...
...
...
...
lank look
...HELLO? WHO IS...
DID YOU COME DOWN WITH THE MUMPS OR CHICKEN POX?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SHOW UP TO SCHOOL?!
THEY TOLD YOU YOU CAN'T MISS A DAY OF SCHOOL FROM NOW ON, DIDN'T THEY?!

PISSED off!
IT'S JUST... I STAYED UP LATE HANGING OUT WITH...
YEAH, SORRY...
I DON'T NEED YOUR EXCUSES. JUST COME HERE! RIGHT NOW!
IF YOU CAN MAKE IT BY 2ND BLOCK, YOU'LL BE FINE!
PISSED off
MINORU-CHAN, I'M...
HAPPY
JUST SHUT UP AND GET YOUR ASS DOWN HERE!


Ding Dong
wheeze
wheeze
DON'T STOP!
C'MON! RUN RUN!
THERE HE IS!
AHAHAHAHA
Re-tard! Get in here!
I thought he was gonna purge!
Ahahahaha
I'm going to get a flying kiss from a dude.
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
This is probably the first and last time

What a moronic guy
ahahaha
STOP YOUR WHINING! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!
NOOO I DON'T WANNA DO PE!
I'M GONNA DIE
I'M GONNA DIE
As if you would
mii
n
mii
n
mii
n
I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO AND GO WITH HIM TO SCHOOL DURING THE BREAKS...
I'M KIND OF WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER HE'S GOING TO MAKE SURE TO GO TO HIS REMEDIAL LESSONS...
HEY
WHAT ABOUT WE TAKE TURNS DOING IT?
I'LL DO IT I HAVE CLUB PRACTICE EVERYDAY ANYWAY
Geez
YEAH, BUT..
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR FOR HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU
Kya
Kya

Whoa...
-WHY DO YOU HAVE TO-
COLLAPSED LIKE THIS ONCE BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU'VE
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE YOUNG,
YOU SHOULDN'T BE CARE-LESS WITH YOUR HEALTH!
LIKE I SAID... THAT WAS BECAUSE OF THE ALUMI-NUM
AND YOU REEK OF ALCOHOL
HUH?
YOU WERE OUT PARTYING LAST NIGHT, WEREN'T YOU?
AH YES ERR I MEAN...
BE HONEST!


programmed to trouble others?
Maybe he's
I'M BACK TO NORMAL
Is he there?
..What's with her?
..don't cry.
.....
.....I WAS REALLY SURPRISED

First Term
Ending Ceremony

WELL, GOOD LUCK!
See ya!
OH RIGHT, YOU HAVE THAT BIG COMPETITION COMING UP NEAR THE END OF AUGUST, RIGHT?
CLUB PRACTICE
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING OVER THE BREAK?
kya
kya
mii—nn
mii—nn
Ahahaha
Wait for me-
Let's go home together!
See ya—
ahahaha
mii—nn
mii—nn
knowing that I'm alone.
It's tough at nights

Ding dong

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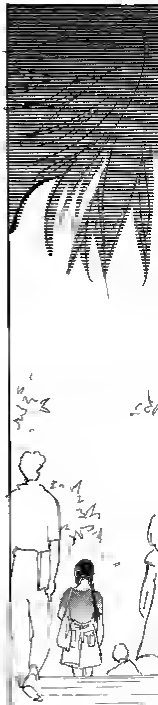
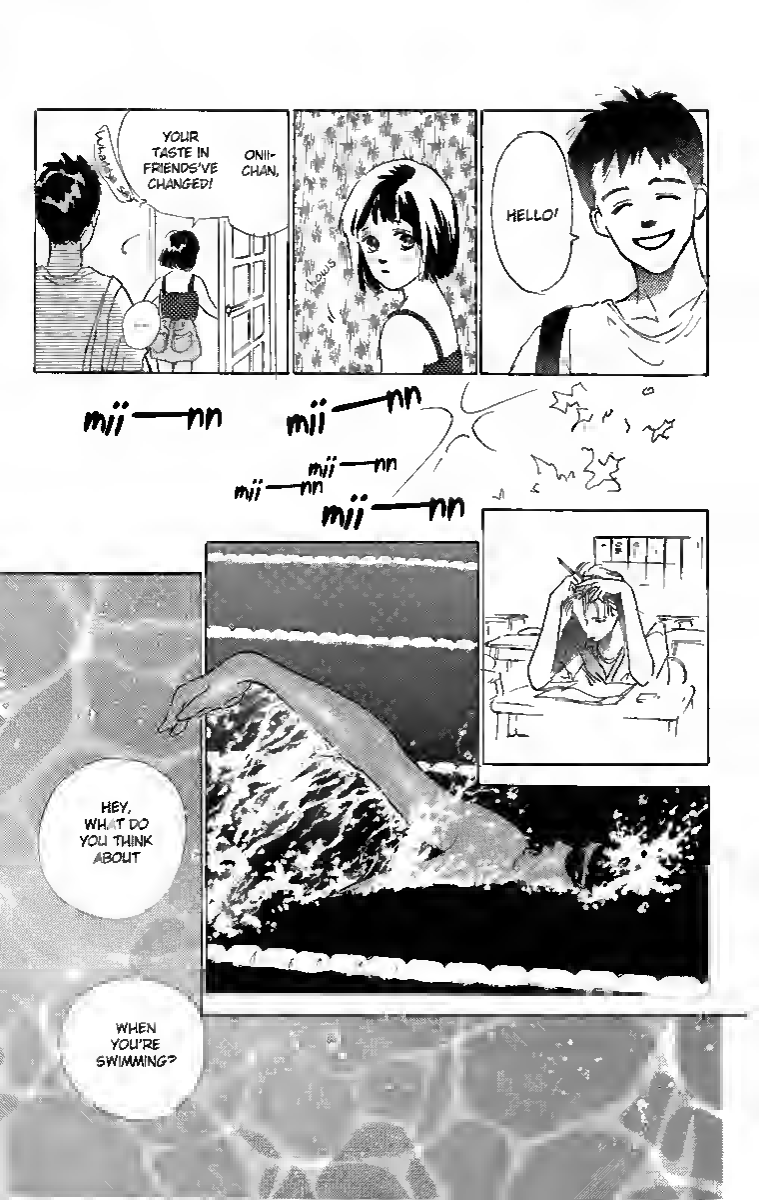
Eguchi

Ding dong




YOUR TASTE IN FRIENDS'VE CHANGED!
ONII-CHAN,
HELLO!
mii——nn
mii——nn
mii——nn
mii——nn
mii——nn
HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT
WHEN YOU'RE SWIMMING?

...LIKE "WINK," I GUESS?
SNICKERS
WHAT KIND OF SONG?
AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I HAVE THE SAME SONG RUNNING IN MY HEAD OVER AND OVER
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I'M JUST BLINDLY FOCUSED ON THE GOAL...
OH, WELL LET'S SEE
...DEEP-FRIED PORK... WITH EGG?
CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER THAN THAT?
I SOMETIMES AIM FOR A DEEP-FRIED PORK DONBURI AS I HEAD TO THE GOAL
OH, YEAH I DO ACTUALLY!
DO YOU THINK ABOUT LIKE, WHAT YOU WANT FOR DINNER AND STUFF?
*NAME OF AN IDOL-DUO FROM THE 80'S
AHAHAHA, ...I'M SO STUPID!
ANYWAY, AS FOR THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAME-
SHUT UP, FUCK-TARD
SNICKERS
YEAH, I HEARD HER IT MADE ME LAUGH
MY MOM CALLS ME "AKKY" ♡
MY FIRST NAME'S "AKIHIRO"

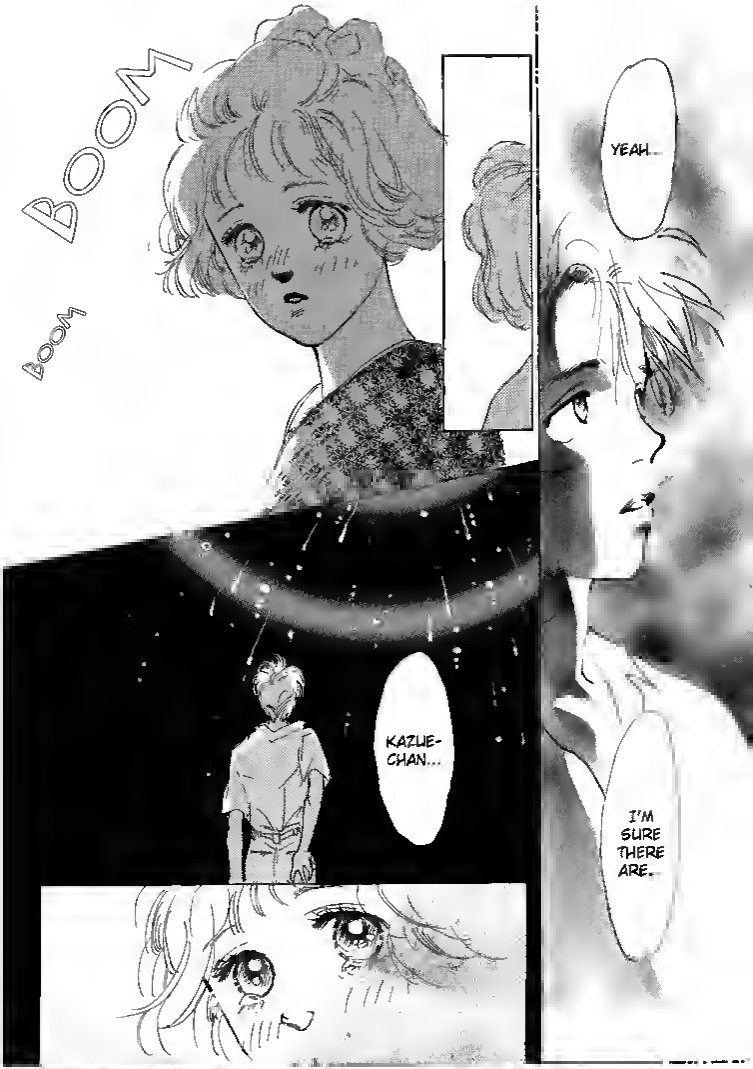
SHE SAW THE PACIFIC OCEAN STRETCHED OUT BELOW THE SKY OF DAWN
SHE SAID THAT WHEN SHE LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW THE DAY THEY DECIDED TO MARRY
OH...
THE KANJI MEANS "THE PACIFIC OCEAN AT DAYBREAK."
ER. I'LL JUST IGNORE THAT YOU JUST SAID THAT
C'mon now...
IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THEY HAD SEX.
AND ONE DAY, SHE SAYS TO ME THAT THE KID THAT ENDED UP POPPIN' OUT OF HER TURNED OUT TO BE A DUD RATHER THAN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
Honk
Honk
Ahahaa
LAMMEE-
IT'S SO STUPID, DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO?

THAT'S AN AWESOME NAME THOUGH
I'M NOT SOME FRUIT SHOP, YOU KNOW?
I'M "KONASHI MINORU"*
WELL THEN, WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME THEN?
*HIS KANJI MEANS = SMALL PEAR FRUIT
HAHA
snickers
THERE'S GOING TO BE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY GOING ON TONIGHT. DO YOU WANNA COME TOO?
OH YEAH,
OKUMURA KAZUE'S GONNA BE THERE TOO.
...DO I WANNA "COME TOO"?
chuckle
H-
SHE'S THE ONE THAT ASKED YOU TO COME, DIDN'T SHE?

THAT KIND OF "THOUGHTFUL-NESS,"
WILL ONLY END UP HURTING HER IN THE END-
SWISH

BOOM
Boom
ABOUT THE FIRE-WORKS.
I DON'T REALLY CARE
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU...
NO...
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER.
I JUST COULDN'T STAND KEEPING QUIET ANYMORE.
BUT...
I WOULDN'T THINK THAT...
FOR SAYING THIS, OKAY?
THAT I'M SOME FICKLE GIRL
BUT PLEASE DON'T THINK
IT'S REALLY PRETTY

I LIKE YOU.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY.
BUT EVER SINCE I FIRST MET YOU. I...
BEFORE I EVEN FOUND OUT WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU WERE. I WAS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH YOU
I DON'T EVEN UNDER-STAND IT WELL MYSELF.
I DON'T, AND THAT'S WHY IT HURTS SO MUCH.
BUT I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU SO YOU KNEW
THAT THERE ARE LOVES THAT START LIKE THAT.


BOOM
BOOM
YEAH...
KAZUE-CHAN...
I'M SURE THERE ARE...

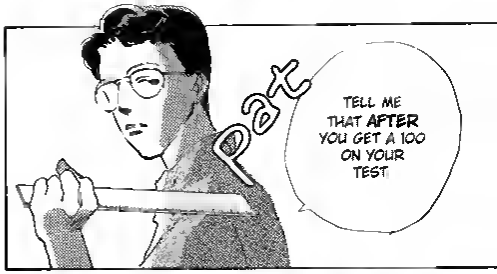
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE, YOU KNOW?
SO YOU'RE BETTER OFF FINDING A BETTER GUY THAN ME.
I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW TO PUT THIS, BUT YOU SHOULD FIND A GUY THAT YOU DIDN'T JUST FALL FOR WITHOUT KNOWING THE REASON WHY.
YOU SHOULD
TAKE YOUR TIME ...
YOU SHOULD FIND A GUY THAT YOU SLOWLY FIND YOURSELF FALLING FOR
AND NOT RUSH THINGS
A LOT HAPPIER FOR IT, I JUST KNOW IT
YOU'LL BE

CAN YOU...
HOLD MY HANDS—
BOTH OF THEM I MEAN...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK SO TOO...
...
KISS ME,
AND I'LL GET OVER YOU.
THAT'S ONE THING I CAN'T DO.
WHY NOT?
WELL.
UH ...

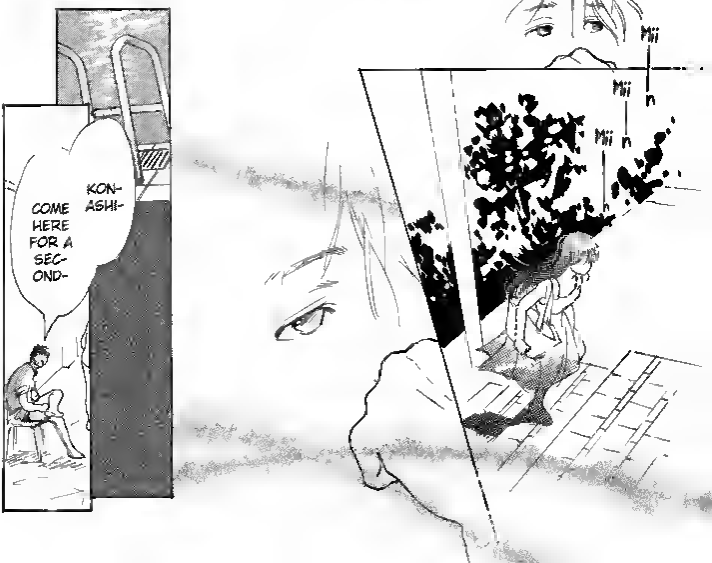
I MEANT MINE.
I DIDN'T MEAN YOURS.
DON'T WORRY! IT'S NOT MY FIRST TIME!
WELL... THE FIRST KISS SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT'S TO BE SAVED...
SWISH
NO WAYYY—
You look like you've been around the block so
...giggles
giggle giggle
SNICKERS
giggle
giggle
giggle

WHERE...
ARE YOU GOING...?
I said something terrible to her.
THROW THAT GUM AWAY.
OKAY THEN...
WORK ON THIS
I DON'T MIND IF YOU USE YOUR TEXTBOOK

GEEZ
mi—n
mi—n
Pat
IT'S SO HOT TODAY
Pat
DON'T GET OTHERS TO HELP YOU!
AS IF I WOULD
mi——n
mi——n
Pat
Pat
THAT TICK OF YOURS IS BOTHERING ME
SENSEI—
WHAT IS IT?



She didn't do anything wrong...



I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING OUT FOR HIM
YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND THAT GUY THAT REFUSES TO COME TO SCHOOL, RIGHT? THAT EGUCHI GUY?
HEY,
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD WITH THE GOAL OF ENTERING THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION, RIGHT?
HE'S NOT EXACTLY REFUSING TO...
WELL...
Oh...
GUYS LIKE THAT WHO DON'T COME TO SCHOOL-
YOU KNOW,
HAVE A BAD HABIT GOING. UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
IF YOU LET YOURSELF GET INVOLVED WITH GUYS LIKE HIM, YOU'LL ONLY END UP GOING DOWN WITH HIM.

HE'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE UNLESS HE WANTS TO
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY,
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FIXED EASILY EITHER
DON'T GO FLOATING AROUND LIKE SOME DEAD BODY, DAMNIT!
I'M SAYING THAT VERY ATTITUDE IS THE PROBLEM.
PUT YOUR EFFORTS INTO THAT ALL RIGHT?
LET IT BE SWIMMING
IF YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO BE FOCUSED ON
I AM, THOUGH.

This must be my punishment for taking out my frustrations on Eguchi.
WELL,
YOU AIN'T NO DEAD BODY,
THAT'S FOR SURE
I DON'T BLAME YA IF YOU WANT TO CRY
YOU'RE REALLY COOL WHEN YOU'RE SWIMMING!
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE GLIDING THROUGH WATER!

I WAITED FOR YOU!
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME PICK ME UP, YOU SHOULDA JUST PHONED AND SAID YOU WEREN'T COMING!
YOU KNOW,
....
....
S-SORRY
I JUST... OVERSLEPT
upsy daisy
I THOUGHT SO
I CAME LATER... ON PURPOSE
-WELL... THAT'S NOT REALLY TRUE
I LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOT A GOOD LIAR

Ishouo Scans

I
don't even know
IT'S ONLY BEEN A SHORT TIME.
BUT THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
what's what anymore.
I ASKED YOU WHY?!
..I really did feel like I was going to start crying.
I'M GONNA QUIT SCHOOL
SWIMMER,
Ahahaha
WHY
I did end up crying.

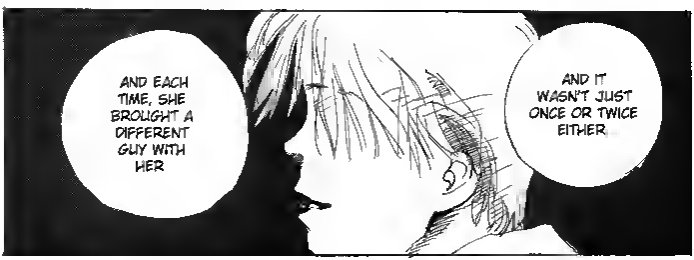
WHAT'RE YOU SO MAD FOR?
AND WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
OH I GET IT!
IT'S BECAUSE KAZUE LIKES ME INSTEAD OF YOU, RIGHT?
bullseye?
GYAAA!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAID I SHOULDN'T BE SO "THOUGHTFUL"!
WHY... ARE YOU DROPPING OUT?

I WANTED TO SAVE UP MONEY AS FAST AS I COULD
I FELT SAD TO LEAVE HER ALONE WITH A PARENT LIKE THAT
BUT I KINDA FELT SORRY FOR MY SIS THAT I'D BE LEAVING BEHIND, YOU KNOW?
AND LEAVE FOR SOME-WHERE-
YOU KNOW HOW I WAS WORKING A SHIT-LOAD OF JOBS BEFORE I CAME HERE?
WELL,

"I'm going to throw it all away"

THAT OLD HAG ACTUALLY CAME IN CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
WHEN I WAS WORKING A SHIFT ONE DAY,
SO I COULD WORK AS CLEAN UP CREW AT LOVE HOTELS, YOU KNOW?
I LIED ABOUT MY AGE

"my house, my school, my friends"



I WAS THE ONE STUCK CLEANING HER ROOM AFTER THEY WERE DONE
EVERYTIME I CLEANED THE ROOM AFTER-WARDS, I FELT LIKE I WAS GONNA THROW UP
I DIDN'T KNOW WHY, BUT I COULDN'T STOP THE TEARS
.....
FROM
WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT, SHE'S MY MOM, AND I STILL LOVE HER, YOU KNOW?
BUT I CAN'T LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE AS HER ANY-MORE
WELL, THE OTHER DAY, SHE SUDDENLY-
"Akky Mom's going to get married—"
What do you want to do? Do you want to come with me?"
I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I WANT TOO
NO MATTER WHAT
I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I WANT,

I know
that a bright future is
waiting for me.
I'm sure of it.
I
DIDN'T TAKE KAZUE-CHAN FROM YOU, YOU KNOW?
...I DIDN'T.
IT-
DOESN'T MATTER
ANY-MORE-

BLOOOOW
AHAHA
WHAT THE FUCK?
WHY'RE WE BOTH CRYING ANYWAY?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?! DAMNIT! I WANNA BLOW MY NOSE!
OH, I HAVE SOME TISSUE ...
rustle rustle
sniveling
DO YOU WANT TO COME TO MY HOUSE?
WILL THERE BE SOMETHING FOR ME THERE?

WHOaaa
THIS IS AMAZING!
THERE'S SO MANY HOLLY-HOCKS!
THEY'RE CALLED "ALTHEA ROSE," ACTUALLY
NO, THEY'RE HOLLY-HOCKS!
Whoaaa
Whoaa
WHOA?
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL A "HOME," HUH?
Whoa~
Whoa~
I LOVE HOUSES LIKE THIS!
SORRY IT'S KINDA RUN-DOWN.
YOU GOT IT SO GREAT-
YOU GOT IT SO GREAT-
I'M HOME
GRAND-MA,
Wow! You even have your grandma living with you? Talk about true love!
EXCITED
EXCITED
EXCITED
HEY, LET'S GO ROUND THIS WAY.
IT'S NO USE. SHE CAN'T HEAR ME.
Ahaha

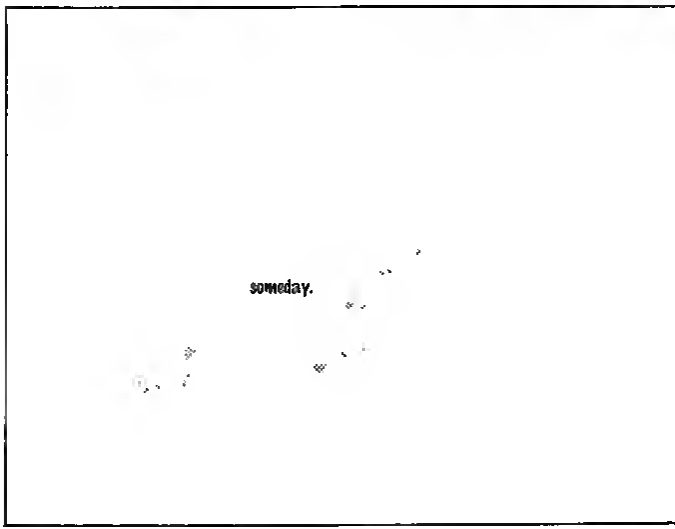
got it so great.

You've

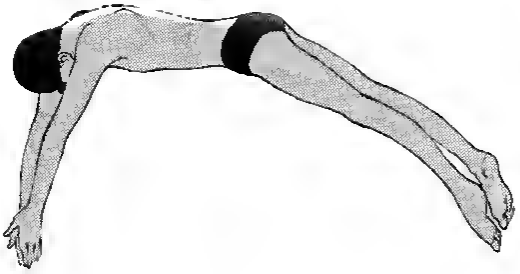
that we're watching movies like this you know, just us guys?
Don't you think it's kinda sad
That's how it is though.
You think?
Haha, you can say that only because you don't actually live here.
It's been a small dream of mine to live in a place like this, you know?
What is it?
Swimmer?
You're cool you know that?
on your swimming
Good luck

I never cried!
You shouldn't cry
just 'cause your coach smacked you around a bit.

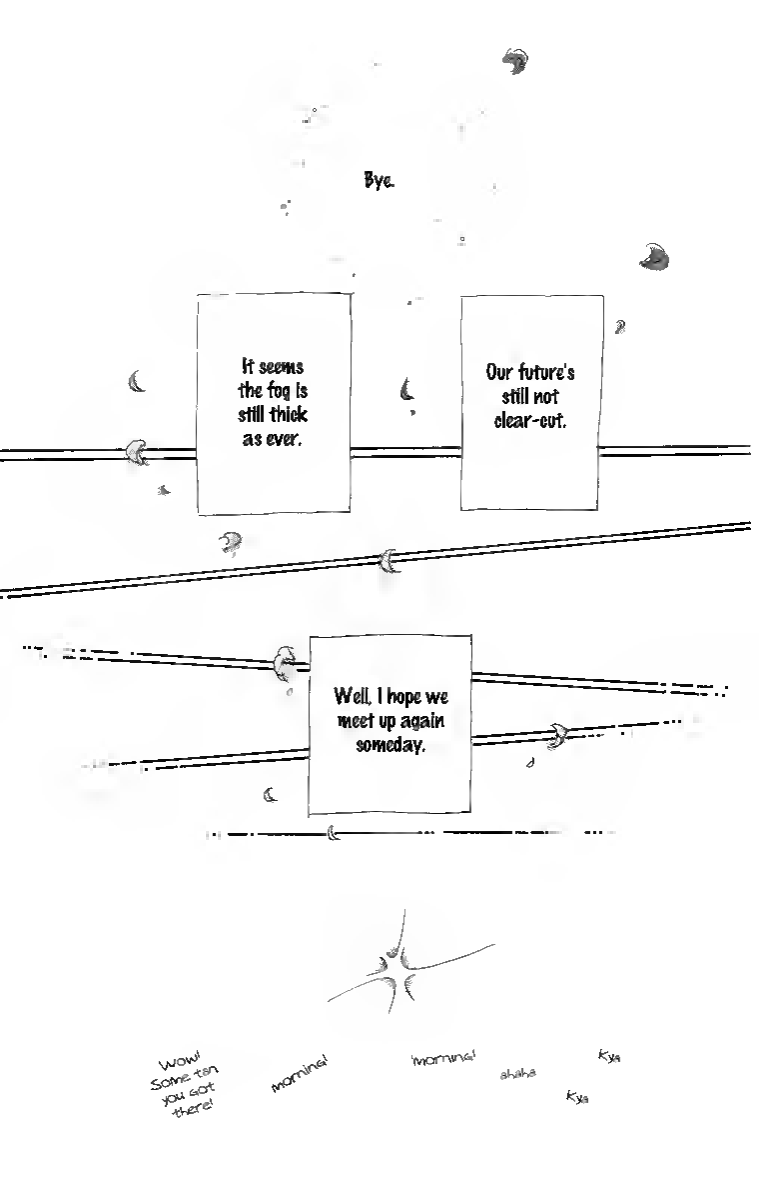
we can meet up again
if you do,
Come
swim all the way to the US.


someday.

Whistle

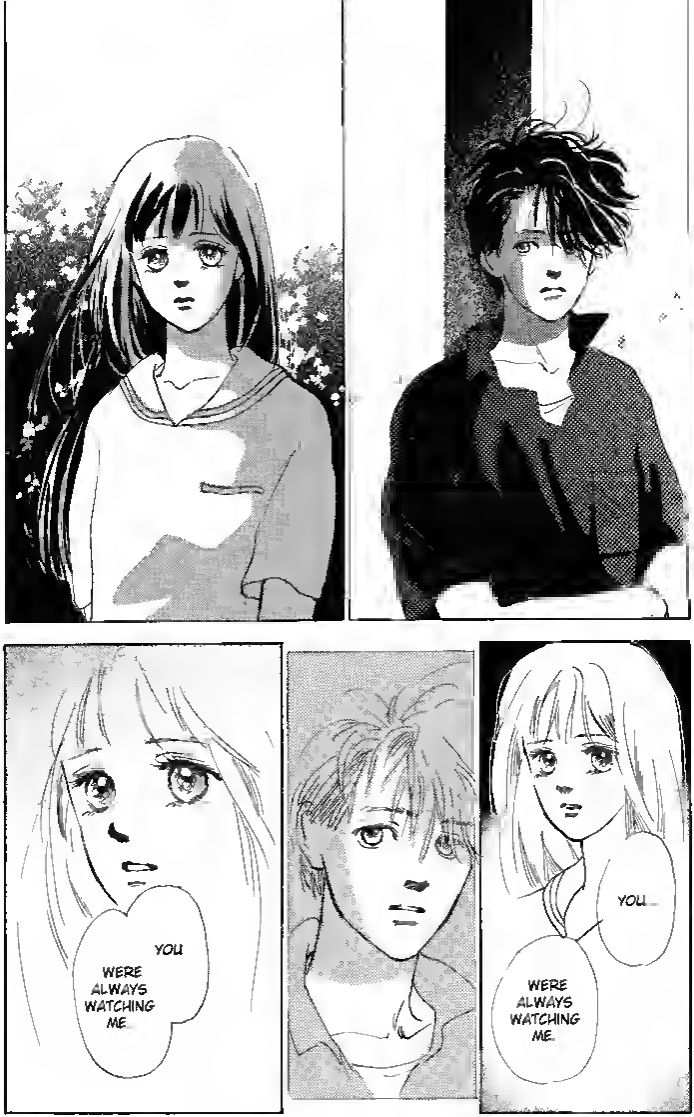


My story
is almost drawing to a close
WHOA, WHAT IS THIS?!
WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL ALREADY?
WELL IT'S ABOUT TIME
JUST RIGHT WHATEVER
OKAY, WELL SWITCH GEARS! SUMMER BREAK IS NOW OVER!
Yaaaaaaaaa
WHAT DO YOU WRITE HERE?
NO WAY!
WHERE YOU GONNA GO?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA WRITE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
Cough Cough
KONASHI! KONASHI!
HAVE YOU HEARD?
WHAT?
APPARENTLY, EGUCHI WAS AT THE SCHOOL GATES RIGHT BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY
A FEW PEOPLE SAW HIM!
THEY SAID HE'D DYED HIS HAIR BACK TO BLACK AND THAT THEY ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM!
Ahh
Survey of Post-secondary School Plans
Bye.


Bye.
It seems the fog is still thick as ever.
Our future's still not clear-cut.
Well, I hope we meet up again someday.
Wow! Some ten you got there!
morning!
'morning!
ahaha
Kya
Kya

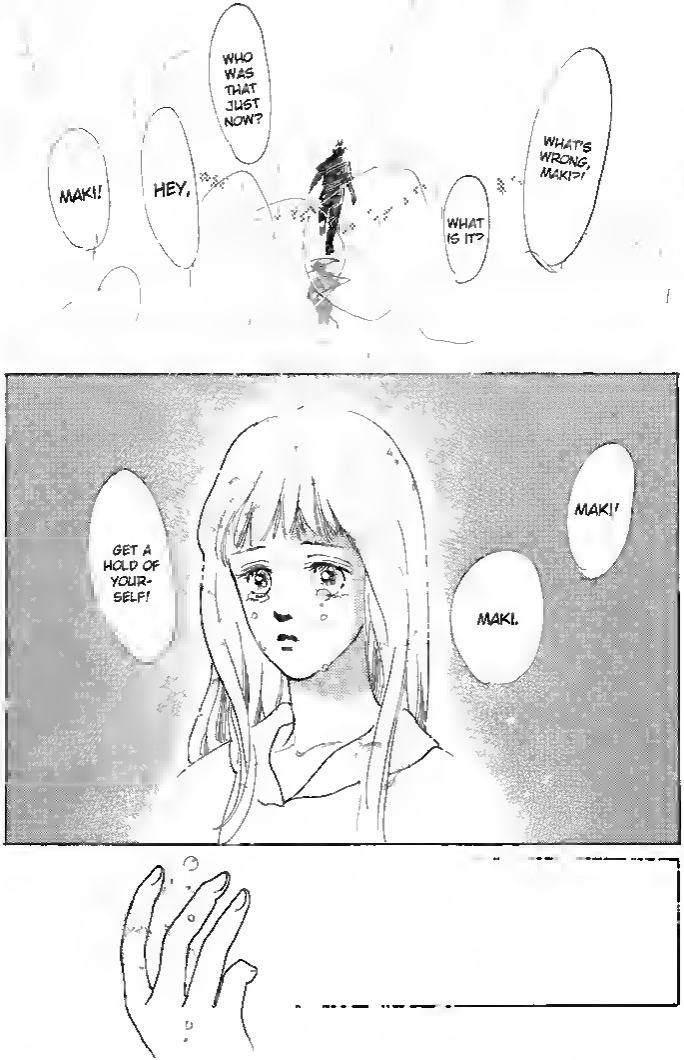
Kya
Kya
morn
ing!
'Morning!
Good morning!
Ahahaha!

SORRY,
GI NT.


YOU...
WERE ALWAYS WATCHING ME.
YOU...
WERE ALWAYS WATCHING ME.

I HATE GIRLS LIKE YOU.
MO-RON.

Hiccup
BYE.
noise
M
MAKI?
whistles
hey
MAKI!

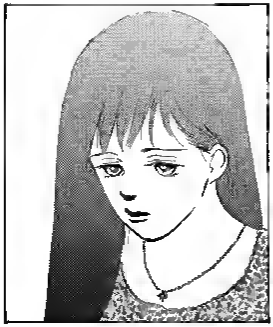

MAKI!
HEY,
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG, MAKI?!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!
MAKI.
MAKI!

It's only

just the beginning for us.

...

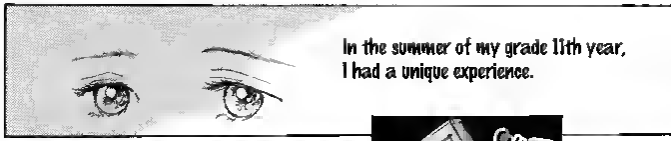
flip



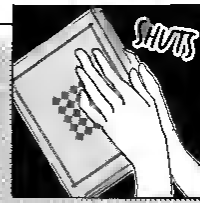
My name is

Nakabayashi Maki.

I'm turning 20 next month.



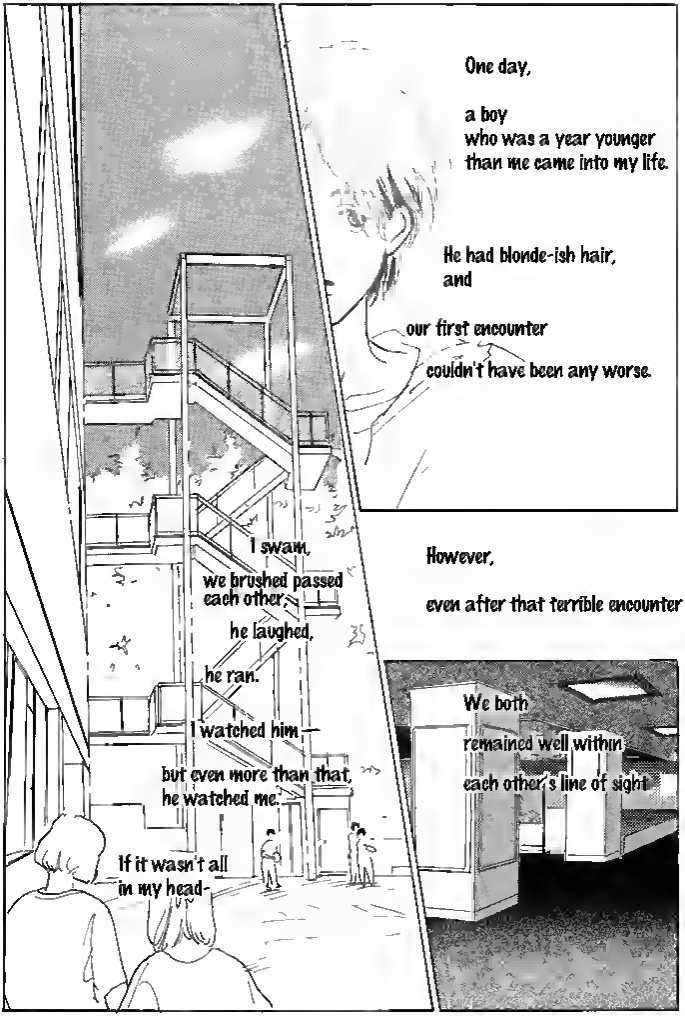
In the summer of my grade 11th year,
I had a unique experience.



At that time, I had a boyfriend
who was going to university.

He's someone who tutored me
for my high school entrance exams.

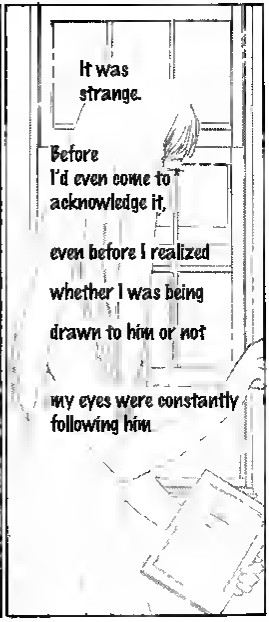
I was in the swim club,
and I always spent my time
after school swimming in the pool.


One day,
a boy
who was a year younger
than me came into my life.
He had blonde-ish hair,
and
our first encounter
couldn't have been any worse.
However,
even after that terrible encounter
We both
remained well within
each other's line of sight
I swam,
we brushed passed
each other,
he laughed,
he ran.
I watched him—
but even more than that,
he watched me.
If it wasn't all
in my head-

Well,
no, I'm quite sure of it.

He was always watching me

That day-


It was
strange.
Before
I'd even come to
acknowledge it,
even before I realized
whether I was being
drawn to him or not
my eyes were constantly
following him

He

whispered into my ear
in a small voice

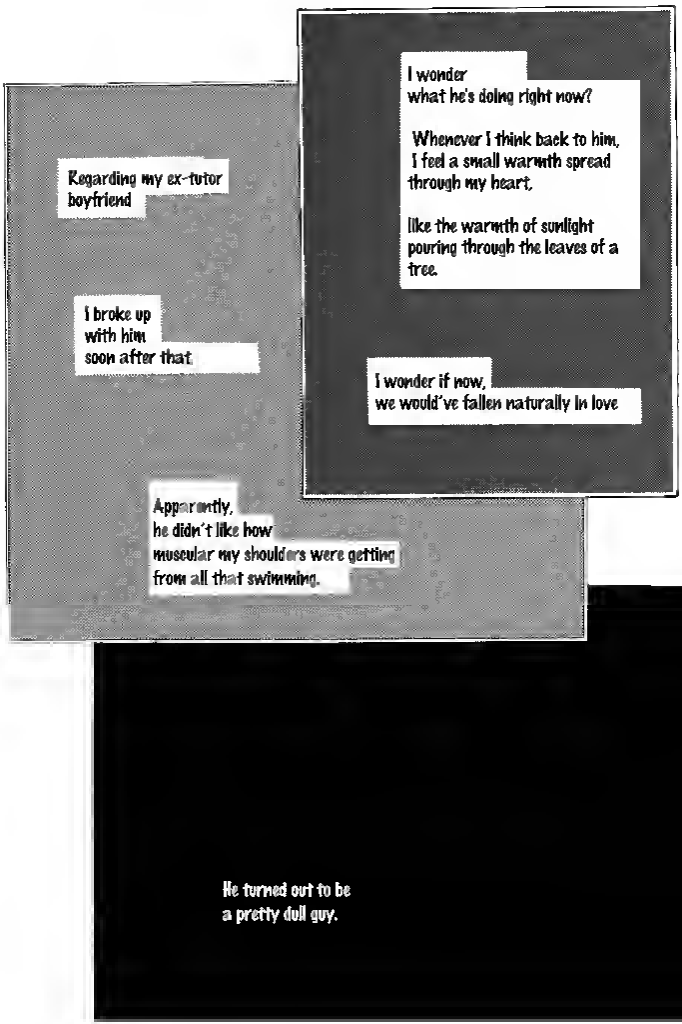
that I had to strain to hear
saying

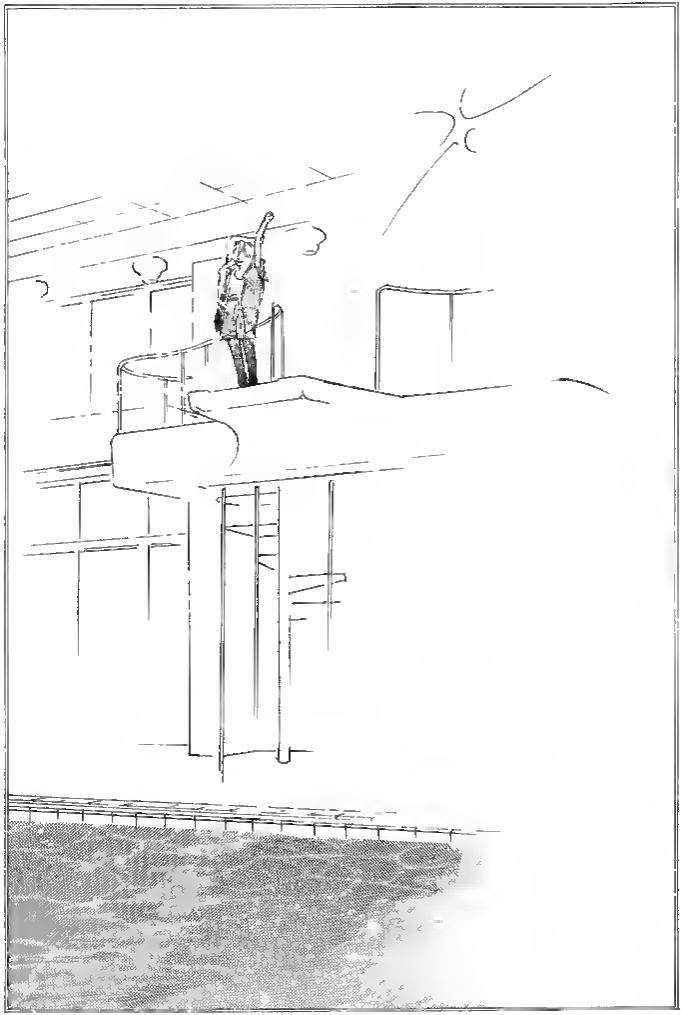
"Let's go to America."

He also said:
"Just kidding."

After that..

I'm
still here.
I still don't even know
why tears came to my eyes.
Maki-chan
Maki
Maki?
Get a hold of yourself
What's wrong?
Maki-chan


I wonder
what he's doing right now?
Whenever I think back to him,
I feel a small warmth spread
through my heart,
like the warmth of sunlight
pouring through the leaves of a
tree.
I wonder if now,
we would've fallen naturally in love
Regarding my ex-tutor
boyfriend
I broke up
with him
soon after that
Apparently,
he didn't like how
muscular my shoulders were getting
from all that swimming.
He turned out to be
a pretty dull guy.



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An usual day at Jshoujo's palace.
I WANT MORE MANGA
WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG?
SHUT UP AND WAIT
IT'S A LEECHER
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
JSHOUJO SCANS NEEDS YOU!
WE NEED STAFF!
WHY DON'T THEY HELP US? BY JOINING US OR GETTING OTHERS TO?
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